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**Volume 3**

**Digest of the Oral Presentations at the  
Public Hearings**

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January 17 – February 5, 2002 and  
October 15 – November 14, 2002



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## PREFACE

This report contains information relevant to the two rounds of public hearings sponsored by the Juvenile Justice Commission during the following time periods -- January 17-February 5, 2002; and October 15-February 14, 2002.

The first set of public hearings was held in nine areas of the state, as shown in Exhibit 1.

The purpose of this first set of public hearings was to:

- Provide information on the mission, goals, operating principles, and general schedule of the Commission; and
- Obtain oral and written input from participants in the juvenile justice system and from the general public on the issues, needs, and problems, affecting juvenile justice in Louisiana.

Each hearing was organized by a local site team that selected the date, time, and place of each hearing, planned and executed all logistics, and provided for sign-in and recordation. The names of the major leaders of the site teams are provided in Exhibit 2.

The generalized agenda for the first round of public was organized into the following segments:

- The chair of the hearing, generally a Commission member, called the meeting to order; welcomed the participants; explained the purpose and scope of the hearing, as well as the ground rules for the hearing.
- The chair either explained or called upon a person to explain the principles of the federal "Comprehensive Strategy"; and then asked each participant to complete a questionnaire on these principles before leaving the hearing. The chair also announced that the questionnaire had been placed on the Commission's web site to allow further participation by the public.
- Following these introductory remarks, the chair opened the hearing to those individuals and organizations that had been specifically invited to present information. The representatives of each of these invited persons or organizations were each given approximately three- five minutes, exclusive of the time required by questions from the chair, in which to make their oral presentations.
- After these initial presentations, the chair opened the hearing to the general public. Each member of the general public was given two-three minutes to

make an oral presentation, exclusive of any time required by questions from the chair.

- The chair encouraged all participants to submit written comments either at the hearing or afterwards.

The first round of public hearings was very well attended, as indicated in this volume. The results of these hearings are provided in the Digest of Oral Presentations Made at the Public Hearings held January 14 - February 5, 2002 (page 19). The written comments received at these hearings are not included in this Digest but are presented together with the other written comments received throughout the process either by mail or e-mail in Volume 4.

The second round of public hearings was held in the same none areas of the state as the first round of hearings at the places and on the dates and times indicated in Exhibit 4.

These hearings were also organized by local site teams, lead by the persons shown in Exhibit 5.

The purpose of the second round of public hearings was to:

- present the draft findings and recommendations of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which has sent a team of consultants to Louisiana at the Foundation's expense to study the issue of juvenile incarceration in our state;
- present the draft findings and recommendations of the Advisory Board of the Juvenile Justice Commission; and
- receive public testimony on both sets of findings and recommendations.

The scope and process of the second round of hearings is as generally indicated in the model agenda shown in Exhibit 6.

The level of participation in the second round of hearings is presented in Exhibit 7. The results of the hearing are provided in the Digest of Oral Presentations Made at the Public Hearings held October 15-November 14, 2002 (see page 85). The written comments received at these hearings are not included in this Digest but are presented together with the other written comments received throughout the process either by mail or e-mail in Volume 4.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**PUBLIC HEARING SITES  
FIRST ROUND OF HEARINGS  
JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

# EXHIBIT 1

## PUBLIC HEARING SITES FIRST ROUND OF HEARINGS JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 5, 2002

### **Greater Baton Rouge**

Place: Shiloh Baptist Church  
185 Eddie Robinson Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Date: January 17, 2002  
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

### **Lafayette Area**

Place: The Clifton Chenier Center  
220 W. Willow St.  
Town Hall Building C  
Date: January 22, 2002  
Time: 4-7 p.m.

### **Lake Charles Area**

Place: Lake Charles Civic Center  
Date: January 23, 2002  
Time: 6-9 p.m.

### **Alexandria/Central Louisiana Area**

Place: Cabrini Mediplex  
Kinkaid Room  
3330 Masonic Drive  
Alexandria, LA  
Date: January 24, 2002  
Time: 4-7 p.m.

### **Shreveport/Bossier Area**

Place: Bossier Civic Center  
Dining Room  
620 Benton Road (Corrected - had 620 Vinton Road)  
Bossier City, LA  
Date: January 28, 2002  
Time: 5-8 p.m.

**Monroe Area**

Place: Monroe City Hall  
Council Chamber  
400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway  
Monroe, LA  
Date: January 29, 2002  
Time: 4-7 p.m.

**Covington/Northshore Area**

Place: Instructional Technology Center  
2024 Livingston St.  
Mandeville, LA 70448  
Date: January 30, 2002  
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Greater New Orleans - Westbank**

Place: Alario Center  
2000 Segnette Blvd.  
Westwego, LA  
Date: January 31, 2002  
Time: 4-7 p.m.

**Greater New Orleans - Eastbank**

Place: City Council Chambers, City of New Orleans  
City Hall  
1300 Perdido St.  
New Orleans, LA  
Date: February 5, 2002  
Time: 4-7 p.m.

**EXHIBIT 2**

**SITE TEAM LEADERS**

**FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**JANUARY 17, 2002 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

**PUBLIC HEARING SITE TEAM**

JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002

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318-327-1401  
318-435-3201  
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318-329-2623  
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**JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

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**EXHIBIT 3**

**PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

### EXHIBIT 3

#### PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS JANUARY 17, 2002 - FEBRUARY 5, 2002

<u>SITE</u>	<u>SIGN-INS</u>	<u>PRESENTERS</u>
Baton Rouge	166	28
Lafayette	110	35
Lake Charles	162	49
Alexandria	137	39
Shreveport/Bossier	158	34
Monroe	105	29
Northshore	73	23
Greater New Orleans -- West Bank	170	31
Greater New Orleans -- East Bank	<u>154</u>	<u>51+</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>319</b>

**EXHIBIT 4**

**PUBLIC HEARING SITES**

**SECOND ROUND OF HEARINGS**

**OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

**EXHIBIT 4**

**PUBLIC HEARING SITES  
SECOND ROUND OF HEARINGS  
OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

**Greater Baton Rouge**

Place: Catholic Life Center  
1800 S. Acadian Thruway  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Date: October 15, 2002  
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Carolyn Hardin  
Dena Morrison  
(225) 201-8888

**Alexandria/Central Louisiana Area**

Place: Rapides Regional Hospital  
Community Meeting Room  
211 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alexandria, LA  
Date: October 23, 2002  
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Lin Stewart  
(318) 473-6762

**Lafayette Area**

Place: The Clifton Chenier Center  
210 W. Willow St.  
Town Hall Building C  
Lafayette, LA  
Date: October 16, 2002  
Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Contact: Judge Frances Bouillion  
Tina Lemaire  
(337) 291-8777

**St. Tammany Area**

Place: The Castine Center @ Pelican Park  
6350 Pelican Drive  
Mandeville, LA  
Date: October 24, 2002  
Time: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Darryl W. Bruno  
(985) 898-3387

**Lake Charles Area**

Place: Lake Charles Civic Center  
Contraban Room  
Date: October 17, 2002  
Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Contact: Dani Jo Schell  
(337) 437-3363

**Greater New Orleans – Westbank**

Place: The Alario Center  
2000 Segnette Blvd.  
Westwego, LA  
Date: October 30, 2002  
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Contact: Scott Griffith  
(504) 367-3500, ext 211

**EXHIBIT 4**

**PUBLIC HEARING SITES  
SECOND ROUND OF HEARINGS  
OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

**Monroe Area**

Place: Monroe City Hall  
Council Chamber  
400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expwy.  
Monroe, LA  
Date: October 21, 2002  
Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Contact: Gladys Nelson-Wilson  
(318) 329-2580

**Greater New Orleans – Eastbank**

Place: City Council Chambers  
New Orleans City Hall  
1300 Perdido Street  
New Orleans, LA  
Date: November 14, 2002  
Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Contact: Edith Jones  
(504) 620-2332

**Shreveport/Bossier Area**

Place: Highland Center  
520 Olive Street  
Shreveport, LA 71104  
Date: October 22, 2002  
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
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**EXHIBIT 5**

**SITE TEAM LEADERS**

**SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OCTOBER 15, 2002 – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

**Public Hearing Site Team  
October 15, 2002 – November 14, 2002**

**Baton Rouge**

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Dena Morrison  
Carolyn Hardin

**Lafayette**

Judge Frances Bouillion  
Judge Charles Porter  
Tina Lemaire

**Lake Charles**

Judge LiLynn Cutrer  
Senator Willie Mount  
Dani Jo Schell  
Ronnie Rossitto  
David A. Burton

**Monroe**

Carol Powell-Lexing  
Gladys Nelson-Wilson  
Paul Moore  
Helen Butitta

**Shreveport/Bossier**

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Laura Goodwin  
Suzanne Stinson

**Public Hearing Site Team  
October 15, 2002 – November 14, 2002**

**Alexandria/Central La.**

Judge Rae Swent  
Lin Steward

**St. Tammany**

Darryl Bruno  
Mary Sue Ferguson

**Greater New Orleans – Westbank**

Judge Nancy Konrad  
Judge Ann Murry Keller  
Judge Andrea Price Janzen  
Debbie Villio  
Jackie Bauer  
Scott Griffith  
Dawn Palermo  
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Bob Guasco  
Leslie Tremaine

**Greater New Orleans – Eastbank**

Judge Lawrence Lagarde  
Edith Jones  
Mary Andry

## **EXHIBIT 6**

## **AGENDA**

# JOIN US IN TAKING A STAND FOR LOUISIANA'S CHILDREN!



## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

- I. Call to order**
  
- II. Welcoming Remarks, Thank You Statements, Statement of Purpose**
  
- III. Annie E. Casey Foundation:  
Presentation of Findings and Recommendations**
  
- IV. Juvenile Justice Commission Advisory Board:  
Presentation of Findings and Recommendations**
  - Findings of Fact
  - Stakeholder Findings
  - Draft Recommendations
  
- V. Public Hearing**
  
- VI. Adjournment**

**EXHIBIT 7**

**PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS  
OCTOBER 15, 2002 – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

## EXHIBIT 7

### PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS OCTOBER 15, 2002 - NOVEMBER 14, 2002

<u>SITE</u>	<u>SIGN-INS</u>	<u>PRESENTERS</u>
Baton Rouge	182	16
Lafayette	66	8
Lake Charles	94	11
Monroe	40	9
Shreveport	85	13
Alexandria	55	11
St. Tammany	53	9
Greater New Orleans - Westbank	107	21
Greater New Orleans - Eastbank	<u>176</u>	<u>32</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>130</b>

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**AD HOC ADVISORY BOARD**

**DIGEST OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS MADE AT THE PUBLIC  
HEARINGS HELD  
JANUARY 14, 2002 – FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

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 DIGEST OF ORAL COMMENTS  
 PROVIDED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS  
 HELD IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2002  
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**DIGEST OF COMMENTS AND OTHER TESTIMONY  
PROVIDED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PART 1. GENERAL POLICY PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS**

**A. Juvenile Justice as a System**

1. Juvenile Justice System in Louisiana is not a System (EBR 23; LC 11; LC 44; TAM 9)
2. Need Systemic/Comprehensive Approach (LAF 19; MON 7; ORL 31)
3. Need Comprehensive Strategy (EBR 10; TAM 10; TAM 19; JEFF 1; JEFF 18; JEFF 19)
4. Need Continuum of Services (EBR 1; EBR 8; EBR 11; LAF 2; LAF 20; LC 5; LC 20; LC 39; LC 40; SB 7; ORL 17)
5. State/Local Government and Communities are Stakeholders (EBR 11; LAF 2; LC 24; MON 7)
6. Need More Collaboration among Agencies (EBR 7; EBR 9; EBR 10; EBR 13; EBR 19; EBR 25; LAF 7; LAF 23; LC 3; LC 11; LC 16; LC 17; LC 24; ALEX 5; ALEX 23; MON 26; TAM 10; JEFF 30; ORL 23; ORL 29; ORL 31)
7. Need Seamless, Comprehensive, Integrated Service Delivery System (EBR 7; ORL 21)
8. Need Constant Communication Among All Affected Parties (LC 31; LC 36; ALEX 33)
9. Need to Identify Local Leadership to Change Our Fragmented Service Delivery System (LC 44)
10. Need Coordinated, Standardized Juvenile Justice System Funded by the State But Essentially Operated at the Local Level (SB 26; MON 7)
11. Delinquency, Child Protection, Prevention -- All Come Under Umbrella of Juvenile Justice (SB 34)

12. Many OCS Clients are Denied Services From Other Agencies, Private and Public, Because They Have the Potential of Getting Services through OCS' Limited Treatment Resources (MON 5)
13. Need to Look at Which Agency within the Many Service Delivery Agencies Should be the Custodian of the Child and, Therefore, Not at Which Agency Can Be the Provider for the Child (MON 5)
14. Need a Multi-Disciplinary Approach Whereby All Service Agencies That Have the Ability to Deal With Issues Step Up and Deliver the Services to Deal With The Issues (MON 5)
15. It is Time to Stop Separating Out Responsibilities for Families and Children and Laying Blame and Criticism on One Another (MON 5)
16. FINS Has a Multi-Disciplinary Approach; No Need to Create a New One (MON 6)
17. Need One-Shop/One-Stop Model (LC 2)
18. Consolidate Different Programs under One Umbrella (SB 32)
19. Need a Centralized System (MON 26; JEFF 30)
20. Need for an Integrated Service Delivery System with a Central Point of Entry (JEFF 7)
21. The Juvenile Justice System Has No Strategy or Plan (ORL 18)
22. Need Community-Wide Collaboration (ORL 24)
23. Need a Vision Encompassing Education, Economic Development, and Everything Else (ORL 29)
24. Need Juvenile Justice System Statewide to Provide Equal Services Statewide (TAM 9)
25. Different Agencies Deny Assistance Because Child "Does Not Meet Criteria" (TAM 18)
26. As Part of a Comprehensive Strategy, Everyone Should Take Responsibility for Their Part in the System and Their Problems (TAM 19)

## **B. General Funding and Resource Gaps**

1. Need More Funding/Lack of Basic Resources (EBR 9; EBR 14; EBR 17; EBR 27; LAF 19; LC 2; LC 3; LC 16; LC 26; ALEX 1; ALEX 3; ALEX 26; ALEX 30; ALEX 33; SB 7; SB 11; MON 7; TAM 3; TAM 8; TAM 10; TAM 23; JEFF 7; JEFF 18; JEFF 20; JEFF 22; JEFF 23; ORL 16; ORL 44)
2. Single Pooled Budget Concept (EBR 9)
3. Not Enough Placements Appropriate to Needs of Children (LAF 23; LC 16; ALEX 3)
4. Lack of Fairness in Funding Allocations (EBR 17; ALEX 2)
5. Need to Move from Low Bids to Best Bids (LAF 20; LC 20)
6. Leverage Greater Private Funding Through Collaboration (LC 3)
7. Need to Prioritize Spending; Fund Programs That Work (SB 4; SB 32; ALEX 32; JEFF 23)
8. Kids with Multiple Problems Need Resources for Addressing these Long-term Problems (SB 8)
9. State Puts Sports and Tourism Ahead of Kids (EBR 23; JEFF 23; ORL 29)
10. TANF and AFDC Have Never Had Sufficient Funds to Meet the Needs of Families (EBR 26)
11. Concept of Co-investing by Agencies (EBR 7)
12. Improvement in Services to Children Requires Finances and Manpower (SB 19)
13. Fund Existing High Quality Programs in Southwest Louisiana Rather Than Create New Agencies and Initiatives (LC 41)
14. Concern About Court Costs (MON 9; MON 11)
15. Need to Put Children First (TAM 1; JEFF 22; ORL 23; ORL 29)
16. Need to Look at How State Allocates Funding; Prevention Program Money is Usually Spent on Lock-Up Activities (ALEX 32)

17. Stop Talking about Money. The Funeral Costs More Than Education (ORL 19)
18. Too Much Focus on Saints and Basketball and Not Enough on Kids (ORL 29)
19. Resources are Dwindling for Youth (ORL 44)
20. Resources Presently in Place are Good, But Need Improvement in Services (TAM 4)
21. Need Money or Treatment Options for Dealing with Juvenile Arsonists (TAM 5)
22. Help Fund Case Management Services to Keep Manageable Caseloads (TAM 7)
23. Need Money for Pilot Sites and Programs (TAM 10)
24. Need to Spend Money More Effectively (TAM 21)
25. Cannot Squeeze Social Services Any More; Need Adequate Funding for Social Services (TAM 23)

**C. Community-Based Services**

1. Meet Needs of Children and Families in their Communities (EBR 28; LAF 2; LAF 3; LAF 9; LAF 20; LAF 28; LC 20; ALEX 13; ALEX 23; SB 7; MON 7; MON 21; JEFF 2; JEFF 12; JEFF 30; ORL 9; ORL 24; ORL 38)
2. Decentralize Resources (EBR 7; EBR 14; EBR 22; LAF 3)
3. Long-term Solutions Will Come From Community (LAF 2; LC 5; MON 7)
4. Need Network of Community-Based Services (LAF 14)
5. Need Community-Based Interventions Incorporating the Values of the Community (LC 20)
6. Need to Put More Services in Our Communities Such As Truancy Prevention, More Substance Abuse Treatment, Mentoring, After-School Programs, and Educational Programs That Focus on Prevention (MON 5; ALEX 13)

7. Need to Create More Community-Based Merit Incentives for Offenders (ALEX 23)
8. Need Community-Wide Collaborations, Such as SASA (ORL 24)
9. Do Not Confine Juveniles Far Away from Their Homes (TAM 7)

**D. Prevention and Early Intervention**

1. Need for Prevention and Early Intervention (EBR 1; EBR 2; EBR 8; EBR 9; EBR 11; EBR 13; EBR 15; LAF 2; LAF 4; LAF 22; LAF 28; LC 2; LC 3; LC 5; LC 11; LC 13; LC 21; LC 26; LC 27; LC 40; ALEX 1; ALEX 2; ALEX 7; ALEX 8; ALEX 13; ALEX 15; ALEX 22; ALEX 23; ALEX 27; ALEX 29; SB 7; SB 20; SB 34; MON 2; MON 4; MON 7; MON 11; MON 19; MON 21; TAM 3; TAM 8; JEFF 2; JEFF 13; JEFF 20; ORL 3; ORL 9; ORL 13; ORL 14; ORL 16; ORL 17; ORL 19; ORL 21; ORL 22; ORL 24; ORL 33; ORL 34; ORL 49)
2. Focus Resources on Front-End (LAF 23; LC 16; ALEX 14; ALEX 15; ALEX 23; ALEX 25; ALEX 30; ALEX 33; MON 4; TAM 11; ORL 17; ORL 34)
3. Because of the Lack of Front-End Services, Children Currently Get Better Services on the Back-End of the System (LAF 23; LC 16)
4. Prevention Should Begin in Early Childhood, especially K-6 (MON 2)
5. Intervention Should Address Children Already Demonstrating High-Risk Behaviors (MON 2)
6. Help Kids Early at Home (ORL 19)
7. Need Broader Array of Culturally Competent Intervention Services (ORL 24)
8. Need Risk Reduction for the Special Needs Juveniles Before They Go to Juvenile Court (ORL 24)
9. Early Intervention is the Key (ORL 33)
10. Spend Money on Preventing Drug Abuse (TAM 13)
11. For Every Dollar Spent on Prevention; Can Save Seven Dollars in Incarceration Costs (TAM 12)
12. Spend Money Preventing Out-of-Wedlock Births (TAM 14)

13. Good Prevention Programs are Based on Research and Science (TAM 14)

14. Intervention, Intervention, Intervention is Critical (ORL 50)

**E. Assessment and Early Identification of Needs**

1. Need to Properly Assess and Identify Needs (EBR 14; LC 11; LC 27; LC 40; ALEX 5; ALEX 35; MON 16)

2. Need to Identify Potential Problem Children Early (LC 1; ALEX 2; ALEX 5; ALEX 7; MON 4; MON 16; ORL 16)

3. Need to Look at and Begin with Needs of Families (EBR 28)

4. After Assessment, Need Something Like Educational IEP to Plan Services for At-Risk Child (LC 1)

5. Need Authority to Force Parents to Allow Early Assessments on Kids in Schools (LC 18)

6. Need Instrument for Assessing the Needs of Parents (JEFF 22)

7. Need to Find Out Why Kids Aren't Learning and Are Behaving Badly (MON 25)

8. Need Community Assessment Centers: One on East Side of Parish; One on West Side (TAM 6)

9. Need Juvenile Assessment and Service Center (TAM 7)

10. Need Mental Health Assessment Services (TAM 8)

11. An Assessment and Service Center is the Future (TAM 18)

12. Need Timely Educational Assessment of Children (ORL 51)

**F. Accountability and Evaluation**

1. Need More Agency Accountability (EBR 7; EBR 22; LAF 9; ALEX 23; ALEX 33; SB 12; SB 21; MON 21; ORL 17; ORL 18; ORL 21; ORL 44)

2. Need to Monitor and Evaluate Client Services (EBR 14; LAF 20; LC 40; SB 32; MON 3)
4. Need to Monitor Mental Health Facilities and Hold Them Accountable (SB 21)
4. Need Accountability in Child Care (SB 26)
5. Need to Make Workers in Service Agencies More Accountable (JEFF 22; ORL 17)
6. Need Program Accountability (ALEX 9; ALEX 23; JEFF 30)
7. Failure of the System to Address Repeat Offenders (ALEX 5)
8. Need Civilian Review Board for Juvenile Justice (ORL 2)

**G. Information and Referral Services**

1. Need One-Stop Information and Referral Service to Help Parents and Children Find Needed Resources for Early Intervention (LC 35)
2. Need to Publicize Availability of Services through a Directory (SB 34)
3. Need a Catalog of No-Cost and Low-Cost Services (MON 24)
4. Availability of Services Not Well Known (JEFF 22; JEFF 30)

**H. Other Desired General Characteristics of System**

1. Need Culturally Diverse Solutions (LAF 3)
2. Need to Validate Positive Traits (LAF 19; LC 20)
3. Need Structure and Competency Development for Children (LAF 19)
4. Need More Volunteers and More Personal Involvement to Meet the Needs of Youth (EBR 27)
5. Detention, Shelter, and Treatment Programs Need to Link to State Programs (LAF 2)

6. Need to Emphasize Character Building, Education, Individual Group Counseling, Aid for Mental Health, and Services for Developmentally Disabled Offenders (LAF 2)
7. Need Structured, Nurturing Environment (LAF 21)
8. Need Real Interventions with Well-Skilled Professionals (LAF 21; LC 20)
9. Need Meaningful Community Service Work (LAF 21; LC 20)
10. Need to Find Ways for People to Understand the System and its Problems (LC 24; LC 25)
11. Need Advocates for Children and Parents in the System (LC 25)
12. Need to Uphold the Rights of Victims of Crime (LC 27)
13. Treatment Maxim: Children Don't Care about How Much You Know Until They Know How Much You Care (LC 42)
14. Treat Children as Individuals (SB 21)
15. Consider How Children Learn and Develop When Implementing Programs (SB 26)
16. Create a Culture of Non-Violence (SB 26)
17. Provide Mental Health Assistance (SB 26)
18. Make Mothers Safe to Keep Children Safe (SB 26)
19. Need to Create a Better Social Infrastructure to Help Parents Provide a Better Environment for Children (SB 31)
20. Juvenile Justice Affected by Problems of Poverty, Lack of Social Infrastructure, Bad Housing, Inadequate Child Care, and Lack of Transportation (SB 31)
21. People Can Only Be What They Learn (SB 31)
22. Promote Community Voluntarism (SB 32)
23. First Offenders Need to Know the Consequences of Their Actions; Community Volunteers Can Help Communicate These Consequences (SB 32)

24. Rehabilitation Must Be Explored as a Major Factor In Breaking the Cycle of Juvenile Crime (SB 34)
25. Legal System Needs to Be More in Tune With Best Interests of Children (MON 2)
26. Need Meaningful Training Throughout the System (MON 3; ORL 38)
27. Juvenile Justice Outcomes Will Always be Negatively Affected by the Low Pay of Workers; Need to Provide Adequate Compensation (MON 3)
28. Licensure Should Apply to All Service Providers, Including State-Operated Facilities and Detention Centers (MON 3)
29. Need to Place Children in Appropriate Services (MON 26; JEFF 30)
30. Need to Believe That Troubled Children Can be Rehabilitated (MON 28; MON 29)
31. Need Consistent Standards of Care (JEFF 7)
32. Services Should be Developmentally Appropriate for Children and Families (JEFF 30)
33. Juvenile Justice in Louisiana is Unjust; Need a System That Demonstrates Care and Concern for Children (ORL 2)
34. Need to Lower the Age of Culpability (ALEX 2)
35. Need to Improve Communication between Juveniles and Adults (ALEX 15)
36. All Services and Programs Must Pass the "My Kid" Test (ALEX 23)
37. Juvenile Issues Are Complicated; Should Not Point Fingers (ORL 19)
38. Need Multi-Disciplinary Teamwork (ORL 23)
39. Where There is No Love, There is No Reform; You Will Never Reform That Which Has No Value to You (ORL 39)

40. Concerned About Children Being Tried as Adults; Need More Treatment Programs, Especially Mental Health Services (ORL 43)
41. Must Provide Counseling and Treatment for Children We Can Save, For Victims of Abuse and Sexual Offenses (TAM 1)
42. Need to Move Away From Adult-Based System (TAM 7)
43. Do Not Need More Programs or More Adult Programs (TAM 9)
44. Should Not Have to Convict Juveniles in Order to Protect Them or Provide Services to Them (TAM 18)
45. Children Need Real Advocates (ORL 50)

## **I. Planning and Implementation**

1. Need to Look at Best Practices in Other States (EBR 14; ORL 32)
2. Need to Create a Public Campaign for Children Similar to Anti-Pollution Campaign (EBR 27; LAF 21; LC 25)
3. Need an Implementation Plan (EBR 28; SB 13)
4. Do Not Need Another Needs Assessment; Plenty of Good Models Out There (LC 13)
5. Consider Having Juvenile Justice Advocacy Day in Baton Rouge (LC 47)
6. Develop Mission Statement, Goals and Operating System Philosophy Addressing Both Public Safety and Rehabilitation, to be Endorsed by State (MON 3)
7. Publicize Philosophy, Mission Statement, and Goals (MON 3)
8. State Should Engage in More Research, Long-Term Planning, and Direction, Anticipating Demographics and other Trends (MON 3)
9. Meaningful Dialogue at the Front-End Should Begin Between State Agencies and Local Program Providers (MON 3)
10. Create Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Boards Throughout the State (SB 7; TAM 8; JEFF 2)

11. Should Look at Collaboration That is Already Working (e.g. the Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Etc.) (LC 29)
12. Need to Think Outside of the Box (ALEX 33)
13. Desire St. Ministries Willing to Help Commission (ORL 10)
14. Need Plan Development: Gather Information on System (ORL 13)
15. Need Plan Implementation: Identify a Working Group to Develop the Plan With Long- and Short-Term Goals (ORL 13)
16. Need Best Practices to Provide Guidelines to Providers (ORL 13)
17. Need a Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Justice (ORL 18)
18. Need a Clear Holistic Policy on Juvenile Justice in Louisiana (ORL 21)
19. Instill in Kids a Belief in the Juvenile Justice System; the Vast Number of Kids Don't Believe That the System is Fair (ORL 28)
20. Need to Come Up With a Vision Encompassing Education, Economic Development, and Everything Else (ORL 29)
21. In the 1970's a Juvenile Justice Plan Was Developed But Never Implemented (ORL 31)
22. Right Now There is No Coordinated System and No Mandate (ORL 31)
23. It is a Case of Pay Now or Pay Later; As Helen Keller Said: The Only Thing Worse Than Being Deaf and Blind is Having Sight But No Vision (ORL 32)
24. We Know What We Have to Do (TAM 9)
25. Give Money to Help Programs Like Hope House, Which are Always Desperate for Money (TAM 14)

## **J. Restructuring**

1. OCS System Not Designed to Handle FINS, Delinquency, Drug Use (EBR 6; EBR 7; ALEX 34; MON 5)

2. Need Seamless, Comprehensive, Integrated Service Delivery System (EBR )
3. Single Pooled Budget Concept (EBR 9)
4. Child Welfare System Designed in Categorical Manner into Vertical Domains. Makes it Difficult for a Child to Move from One System to Another (EBR 7)
5. Need Specialized Regional Courts to Address Juvenile Justice Needs (LAF 7; SB 13; JEFF 20)
6. Need Unified Family Court System (LC 4; ORL 42)
7. Need Specialized Juvenile Courts (LAF 10; LC 27)
8. Need to Transfer Responsibility for Juvenile Corrections from DPSC to Another Entity (SB 12; SB 18; SB 28; MON 21; JEFF 8)
9. Need Full-Time Juvenile Court and Staff (SB 29; ALEX 27; ALEX 36)
10. From a Procedural Standpoint, the Juvenile Justice System is Okay; Do Not Fix What is Not Broken (SB 34)

**K. Management Information Systems/Data Management**

1. Need Centralized Database (EBR 13; LAF 7)
2. Need to Allow/Encourage Data Sharing among Agencies (EBR 13;LAF 7; ALEX 27; ALEX 33; TAM 10; JEFF 14)
3. Agencies Need to be Able to Track Children and Share Information (LC 19; LC 20)
4. Need State-of-the-Art Computerized Methods to Guide Referral to the Continuum of Services (LC 39)
5. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools as Quickly as Possible (SB 1)
6. Kids are Not Tracked in System and Information is Not Shared (LC 17; JEFF 14)

7. Need Information Systems to Track Child Sexual Assault Cases and to Track Children Who are Witnesses to Homicides (ALEX 26)
8. Need Intra-State Regional Databases to Share Information about Crime/RAP Sheets (ORL 16)

**L. Changes in Law**

1. Consider Changing Law That Allows Adult Charges to be Enhanced by Juvenile Charges (LAF 12)
2. Need to Revisit the Statutes on Mental Health Commitment (LC 9)
3. Need to Repeal Laws Requiring Mandatory Sentencing of Juveniles; Mandatory Sentencing is Not Good (LC 30)
4. Legislation is Needed to Allow TASCs to Address Truancy from K-12 (SB 3)
5. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
6. Consider Changing Article 897.1 of the Louisiana Children's Code to Provide Better Long-Term Public Safety (ALEX 22; SB 7; MON 7; TAM 8)
7. Abuse Cases Should be Adjudicated in a Criminal Not a Civil Procedure (SB 17)
8. Legislature Needs to Pass Legislation Imposing Sanctions for Violations of Status Offenses and Give the Courts Needed Authority. Sanctions Could Include Fines, Community Service, Placement in Non-Secure Facilities, and Incarceration for Adults (MON 2)
9. Consider Establishment of a Juvenile Parole Board (SB 7; MON 7; JEFF 2)
10. Need to Change Law Requiring Certain 17-Year Olds to be Sent to Adult Jail (JEFF 28)
11. Need to Lower the Age of Culpability (ALEX 2; ALEX 6; ALEX 15)
12. Fingerprint and Photograph All Juvenile Offenders (ALEX 16)
13. Media Should be Able to Report on Juvenile Crimes As Long As Names Are Not Revealed (ALEX 16)

14. Zero Tolerance Policies Should be Banned (ALEX 16)
15. Louisiana Children's Code is Good (EBR 9; ALEX 23)
16. Cannot Have Jury Trials for Juveniles; Would "Bog Down" an Already Overworked System (TAM 1)

**M. Need to Address Family Problems and Needs**

1. Need to Find a Way to Solve Family Problems (LAF 4; ALEX 1; ALEX 33)
2. Parents Need to be Made to be More Responsible (LAF 4; LAF 8; LC 19; ALEX 14; ALEX 16; ALEX 20)
3. Real Solution to Crime Rests with Parents and Churches (EBR 3; LC 37)
4. Need Greater Parental Responsibility (EBR 3; LC 18; LC 19; LC 37; ALEX 1 MON 3)
5. Truancy is a Family Problem (EBR 13; LC 19; MON 10)
6. Need to Train Parents and Children on How to Access the System (EBR 15; LC 35)
7. Many Parents Have Problems Raising Their Children Because They Have Been Victims of Rape and Molestation (LC 34)
8. Parents With Troubled Children Need Help Not Bashing (ALEX 35; SB 16)
9. Need to Provide Educational Opportunities to Parents on Welfare (SB 31)
10. Need Character Intervention in Our Homes (MON 12)
11. Breakdown of Family (MON 17)
12. Problem of Single-Parenthood and Lack of Male Role Models (MON 18; ORL 22)
13. Kids Need Role Models and Mentors (MON 25)
14. Need to Involve Parents in Juvenile Justice Process (JEFF 2)

15. Delinquent Parents Are a Real Problem (ALEX 7)
16. Need to Hold Parents Responsible for Children's Access to Guns (ALEX 14)
17. Too Many Kids from Louisiana Are From Single-Family Households; It Takes Two Parents to Properly Raise a Child (ORL 22)
18. A Stable, Nurturing Family Is Necessary (ORL 34)
19. Need Family and Community Contacts to Successfully Rehabilitate Juveniles (TAM 4)
20. Young People Are Hurt Beginning in Their Homes (TAM 13)
21. Working with Children and Their Families Is the Most Essential Part of the Comprehensive Strategy (TAM 19)

**N. Role of Government**

1. Role of Government: create an Environment for Proper Child-Rearing (EBR 3)
2. Government is not the Solution or Whole Solution (EBR 3; LC 37; MON 18)
3. Role of Criminal Justice System is to Respond to Criminal Conduct (EBR 3)
4. Role of Criminal Justice System Is to Keep Bailing the Boat Until You Find the Leak (EBR 3)
5. Criminal Justice System Addresses the Symptom (EBR 3)
6. Tendency in Government to Solve Problems for People; but These Type of Problems are Solved Child by Child, and Family by Family (EBR 3)
7. Government Has Not Made Children a Priority (SB 20)

**O. Role of Education**

1. Education is the Key to Solving Juvenile Justice Problems (SB 3)

2. Need to Teach Teachers and Other Educators How to Work with Juvenile Problems (SB 22)
3. Education Should be Available to All (MON 3)
4. Need to Rely on Education to Provide Learning and to Improve Behavior (MON 28)
5. Most Kids Need to be in School, Not Prison (ORL 19)
6. Stop Talking about Money; the Funeral Costs More Than Education (ORL 19)
7. Help Students at School (ORL 19)

**P. Role of Faith-Based Institutions**

1. Real Solution to Crime Rests with Parents and Churches (EBR 3)
2. Faith-Based Prison Ministries Have Good Programs (EBR 23)
3. Need More Volunteers in Faith-Based Prison Ministries (EBR 13)
4. Faith-Based Initiatives Relating to Abstinence and Substance Abuse Have been Effective (MON 17)
5. Problems are Spiritual (MON 18)
6. Use Faith-Based Institutions to Involve Parents (JEFF 2)
7. Faith-Based Initiatives Successful in Teaching Moral Values, Decreasing Heinous Crimes (TAM 13)

**Q. Status and Causes of Juvenile Crime**

1. Juvenile Crime is Symptomatic of a Societal Problem (EBR 3)
2. Poverty and Crime are Related (EBR 26; MON 17; ORL 3)
3. Families Need Livable Incomes (EBR 26)
4. Younger Children are Becoming more Involved in Truancy (EBR 18)
5. Rise in Severity of Juvenile Crime (EBR 18)

6. Rise in Drug Use and Distribution (EBR 18)
7. More Cases of Juvenile Battery and Aggravated Battery (EBR 18)
8. More Transfer of Juveniles to Adult Court (EBR 18)
9. Need Full-Employment (EBR 28)
10. Need Decent Family Incomes (EBR 28)
11. People Discarded From the Economy Feel They Have No Value (LAF 3)
12. More Serious Juvenile Crime Today (LC 25)
13. Juvenile Crime is Facilitated by the Type of Popular Culture We have (LC 49)
14. Linkage of Abuse and Neglect and Delinquency (EBR 7; LC 40; SB 17; TAM 14; ORL 3; ORL 19; ORL 51)
15. Need to Understand Causes of Juvenile Crime (SB 28)
16. Breakdown of Family as a Factor in Juvenile Crime (MON 17)
17. Educational Failure as a Factor in Juvenile Crime (ORL 3)
18. More Younger Children Have Problems That Used to be Associated with Teenagers (ALEX 7)
19. Most Adult Offenders in Louisiana Prisons Were Once Juvenile Delinquents (ALEX 13)
20. Research Shows That Only About 8% of Juvenile Offenders are Chronic Offenders (Alex 23)
21. Kids Need a Safe and Healthy Environment; 86% of Kids in Delinquency Talk about Bullying and/or Teasing as a Precursor to their Delinquent Behavior (ORL 12)
22. SHOCAP Shows That Only About 5-6% of Youth Do Most of the Crimes (ORL 16)
23. Of the Approximately 1,929 Cases He Gets in Indigent Defense, One Third are Drug Cases and One-Third are Drug-Related (ORL 26)

24. Many of the Children in the Youth Study Center of N.O. are the "New Millenium Children" Who are Arrested for Possession of Stolen Property, Marijuana, Etc. We are Not Getting to the Root of the Problem (ORL 33)
25. Not Concerned About the Violent Offender. Concerned about Youth with Serious Psychiatric Illnesses, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Diabetes (ORL 33)
26. Cautions Against Using the Hearing as a Means for Targeting Children for Arrest; Real Problem is White Supremacy, Racism and Uncle Tomism (ORL 36)
27. Need to be Realistic; A Safe Community Demands That We Deal with Incurrigible Youth (TAM 1)
28. Sexual and Physical Abuse is the Root of the Problem with Juveniles (TAM 14)

## **PART 2. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS REGARDING INCARCERATION, LOCAL DETENTION, PROBATION, ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS AND DIVERSION**

### **A. Incarceration**

1. Solution is Not to Lock up Everybody; Goal is Not to Lock up Anybody (EBR 3)
2. Cost and Difficulty of Telephone Communication Between Parents and Incarcerated Youth; Issue of 1-800 Number (EBR 12; LAF 14; LC 7)
3. Need "Adopted Families" or Mentors to Communicate by Phone with Incarcerated Youth (EBR 12)
4. Inadequate and Insufficient Medical Services at Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12)
5. Problem of Guards Selling Contraband in Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12; LAF 9)
6. Lack of Adequate Educational Services at Some Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12)
7. Study Ohio Plan to Reduce Incarceration (EBR 14)
8. State Over-Reliance on Incarceration (EBR 22; EBR 23; LAF 2; LC 5; SB 7; MON 7; MON 21; JEFF 2; JEFF 30; ORL 18)
9. Serious Problems in State Juvenile Prisons (EBR 23)
10. Need Volunteers to Work in Prison Ministries (EBR 23)
11. Rehabilitation Programs in Prisons Are Not Working (EBR 13)
12. Concerned About Safety and Efficacy of Secured Detention (EBR 24)
13. Has Heard of Physical Abuse by Guards, Isolation of Prisoners, Lack of Privacy Lack of Parental Communication, and Inadequate Education (EBR 24)
14. Need Smaller Facilities with Single Prisoner Rooms and Full-School Days (EBR 24)

15. Need HIV Testing in the Juvenile Prisons (EBR 25)
16. State Needs to Hire Better Quality Guards (EBR 25)
17. Guards are Verbally and Physically Abusive (EBR 25; LAF 9; ORL 4)
18. Limited Availability of Secured Detention (LAF 2)
19. Child Abused and Molested at Tallulah (LAF 5)
20. Transportation to Tallulah is a Problem (LAF 5)
21. Have not Been Able to Talk to Child in Juvenile Prison (LAF 5)
22. Tallulah is too Big; Non-Violent Kids Mixed With Violent Kids (LAF 9)
23. Secured Detention Has Not Benefited Son (LAF 18)
24. Son was Using Drugs in Juvenile Prison (LAF 18)
25. Disproportionate Minority Representation in Both Secure and Unsecured Facilities (LC 5; ALEX 5; MON 7; MON 21; ORL 33)
26. Juvenile Prison System Is Not the Answer; They are Overcrowded and Cannot Provide the Needed Rehabilitative Services (LC 6)
27. Visits by Ministers to Juvenile Prisons are Too Restricted (LC 7)
28. Kids in Juvenile Prison Adapt to the Wrong Things (LC 7; LC 37)
29. Juvenile Prisons Should Be Places of Treatment and Not Just Punishment (LC 8)
30. Juvenile Offenders are Treatable and Can Become Productive Members of Society (LC 8)
31. Violence in Juvenile Prison System is Making Inmates Worse; Reform of the Juvenile Prison System is Past Due; It is Critical (LC 32)
32. Need to Talk to Prison Workers About the Types of Children in the Prison and the Risks of Releasing One Versus Another (LC 33)

33. Prison System Needs to Learn How to Help Parents Become Better Parents (LC 33)
34. Prison System Does not Work (LC 34)
35. Knows Children That Have Been Raped and Molested in Prison and are Now Full of Anger (LC 34)
36. Level of Education in the Juvenile Prison System Should Be Comparable to the Level That Child Would Have Had in School (LC 42)
37. Need to Create an Incentive-Based Educational System in Prison; Good Grades Have Real Regards Attached to Them, Such as Reduction of Sentencing Time, Etc. (LC 42)
38. Need to Increase the Compensation of Those Working in the Juvenile System, Perhaps through Supplemental Pay (LC 42)
39. Need Sensitivity Training for Employees (LC 42)
40. Two Most Common Mental Illnesses of Children in Juvenile Detention Are Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder (LC 43)
41. Need Multi-Modal Treatment Approaches (LC 43)
42. Tallulah Should be Closed (ALEX 31; SB 12; MON 21; JEFF 8; ORL 38)
43. Need Smaller, Regional Detention Facilities (SB 18)
44. Need to Look at Correctional Models in Other States (SB 28)
45. Create Program to Provide AA Services to Incarcerated Juveniles with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
46. Need Separate Facilities for Sex Offenders (SB 29)
47. No Mentally Ill Child Should be Sent to a State Correctional Institution Because There are No Available Mental Health Treatment Services (MON 3)
48. "Pat Solutions" Such As Building More Prisons for Juveniles or Locking Up Fewer Juveniles is not the Answer in and of Itself. Instead, We Must Look at All of Our Services (MON 5)

49. Lack of Resources Causes Migration of Mental Health Cases to Delinquency Status (LAF 2; MON 3)
50. Mentally Ill Grandson was Abused in Prison; State Should Provide Resources for Treating Such Abuse (MON 16)
51. Some Juveniles in Prison Should be Referred to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Centers (MON 16)
52. Most Common Disorders of Children in Juvenile Prisons are Conduct Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Hypertension, Developmental Delays, Post Trauma Stress Disorders, Developmental Disabilities, and Co-Existing Disorders (MON 16)
53. Grandson was Treated Badly at Tallulah (MON 22)
54. Use Proceeds from the Closure of Tallulah to Assess Currently Incarcerated Juveniles to Determine More Appropriate Placement (JEFF 8; ALEX 31)
55. Need Job Training for Incarcerated Youth before They Re-enter Society (JEFF 12)
56. Need Concentrated Funding in the First 3 to 6 Months After Juvenile Leaves Corrections for After-Care and Re-integration into the Community (JEFF 12)
57. Need to Better Train Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers on the Appropriate Ways to Work with Children Diagnosed as Having Mental Illness (JEFF 30)
58. Numerous Problems in Juvenile Prisons (ALEX 2)
59. Incarceration Should be Last Resort (ALEX 5; ALEX 6)
60. Status Offenders Should not be in Secured Detention (ALEX 23)
61. The Goal for Incarceration of Juveniles Should be Rehabilitation (ORL 4)
62. Need More Appropriate Treatment Services in Juvenile Prisons (ORL 4)
63. We Do Not Want Troubled Youth Coming Out of Juvenile Incarceration Worse Than When They Entered (ORL 4)

64. Son's Jaw was Broken at Tallulah; But Mother Was Not Notified of the Injury (ORL 5)
65. There is Very Little Education Going On in the Juvenile Prisons (ORL 5)
66. Having Trouble Enrolling Her Child Who Was Released From Tallulah in School (ORL 5)
67. Within Last Three Months, Seeing More Kids Released from Incarceration Needing Mental Health Services without Any Discharge Plan (ORL 9)
68. The Clinics Need More Information on Kids Released from Juvenile Prison; Some of the Released Children are Taking Psychotropic Medication (ORL 9)
69. There is a Need for Better Communication Regarding Referrals; When Juveniles are Discharged, Someone Needs to Call the Clinic Ahead of Time to See If the Child Can be Served by that Clinic (ORL 9)
70. USA Incarcerates at a Rate Higher Than Any Other Nation; Louisiana Incarcerates African-American Youth at a Rate Higher than Other States (ORL 11)
71. Decrease Funding for Incarceration; Divert These Funds to Prevention (ORL 11; ORL 17)
72. Incarceration is Not Always the Answer; But Incarceration is Needed (ORL 16)
73. While Some Kids Need to be Institutionalized, Most Kids Need to be in School (ORL 19)
74. Need to Address the Damaging Impact Incarceration Can Have on Kids and Families (ORL 24)
75. Need Less Incarceration and More Rehabilitation (ORL 38)
76. Need to Train and Support People Who Work with Kids in the System (ORL 38)

77. Need More Alternatives to Incarceration for Youth; We Need Funding Streams to Meet the Needs of the Child -- Not Just Focus on Incarceration (ORL 44)
78. Of the 500 Juveniles Defended Last Year by the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) One-Third to One-Half of Them Were in Threat of Incarceration; Only Four Were Incarcerated (ORL 48)
79. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims; Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
80. Cannot Forget Chronic Violent Juvenile Offenders; Need Incarceration Options (TAM 15)
81. 60% of Juveniles in the Four State Facilities are there for Non-Violent Offenses (TAM 17)
82. OYD Facilities Fail to Protect Children (TAM 18)

**B. Local Detention and Boot Camps**

1. Need New Detention Facilities (EBR 13; ALEX 27)
2. Need Standards and Uniform Licensing Procedures for Local Detention Facilities (LAF 1; LC 6; MON 8; TAM 15; TAM 16)
3. Lafayette Parish Correctional Center Provides Good Services to Parents and Their Children (LAF 34)
4. Need Mandates to Make Local Government Pay for Detention Facilities (LC 1)
5. Increase of Juveniles Detained with Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Sexual Offender Issues in Local Detention (LC 6)
6. Because of the Lack of In-Patient Services, Local Juvenile Detention Facilities are Having to House Children for Too Long (LC 6)
7. Bossier Needs Juvenile Justice Complex Like Caddo (SB 4; SB 11)
8. Caddo Detention Facility Has a Shortage of Beds (SB 10; SB 24)

9. Caddo Boot Camp Needs Funds (SB 24)
10. Need Pre-Adjudicative Boot Camps (SB 18)
11. Bossier Youth Shelter is Short of Beds (SB 25)
12. Need Third-Class of Correctional Facilities besides Secured and Non-Secured Facilities That Will Keep Children Safe for Short Periods (SB 29)
13. Create Program to Provide AA Services to Incarcerated Juveniles with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
14. Need More Boot Camps for Boys and/or Girls (LAF 10; ALEX 14 SB 34; MON 4)
15. Need Pre-Adjudication Detention Facilities (ALEX 19; MON 12)
16. Need Additional Detention Beds in Orleans (ORL 1)
17. Need Detention Centers in All Regions (ALEX 2; ALEX 17; ALEX 22; ALEX 27)
18. Need Detention Facility for Repeat Offenders (ALEX 20)
19. Need More Detention Facilities in Rural Areas (ALEX 28)
20. The Youth Study Center (YSC) in N.O. is the Largest Juvenile Detention Center in La. (ORL 33)
21. 63% of the Children at the YSC are African American Males; 34% are African American Females; Shows Disproportionate Minority Representation. (ORL 33)
22. Nowhere to Put Violent Youths Other Than the Florida Parishes Facility Which Has Limited Bed Space (TAM 1)
23. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims; Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
24. Florida Parishes Detention Facility Needs More Bed Space (TAM 16)

25. Need to Improve Infrastructure and Recreational Space in Detention Facilities (TAM 16)
26. Need to Pay Corrections Officers Commensurate with Their Training and Accreditation (TAM 16)
27. Need Training Classes for Officers, Money for Pay Raises (TAM 16)
28. State Pays Less Money for Bed Space at an Unsecured Facility, Even Though These Facilities are as Expensive to Operate (TAM 16)

**C. Probation**

1. Shortage of Funding for Juvenile Probation (EBR 4; ORL 4)
2. Need to Increase the Number of Probation Officers (EBR 15; ALEX 5; ORL 4)
3. Probation Officers are Overworked (EBR 15; LC 33; MON 7; ORL 4)
4. Fund OYD Properly (EBR 19)
5. Lack of Proper Educational Requirements for Police and Correctional Officers (LAF 20)
6. Difficulty Getting Information on Nephew from Probation Officer (LAF 32)
7. Probation Officers in Orleans Have 90 to 100 Cases Each (ORL 4)
8. There is a Connection between Education and Juvenile Justice; There is a Lack of Intervention in the Area of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders; Judges and probation Officers Need Education in This Area (ORL 35)
9. Need to Get Judges and Probation Officers to Work with Kids; Not Set Them up to Fail. If a Child Was in a Wheelchair, You Wouldn't Ask Him to Get Up and Walk, But We Ask Youth to "Behave" and "Go Back to School and Do Well" When They Have Real Disabilities That Prevent Them From Doing This (ORL 35)

## **D. Diversion/Alternative Sanctions/Informal Processing**

### **General**

1. Court Needs Range of Options - More Diversionary Programs (LAF 9; LAF 10; LAF 12; ALEX 19; TAM 2; TAM 6; ORL 2; ORL 4; ORL 16; ORL 44)
2. Need Graduated Sanctions; Juvenile Prison Should be Last Resort (ALEX 5)
3. Many Juvenile Offenses Do Not Need to be Brought to Formal Juvenile Court (ALEX 13)
4. Need to Think in Terms of Support Rather Than Sanctions for Children (ALEX 13)
5. Need More Alternatives to Incarceration (ORL 16; ORL 18)
6. We are Wasting Money Turning Behaviors into Delinquency; a Lot of Cases Should be Handled Informally (ORL 26)
7. Need System of Graduated Sanctions (TAM 2; TAM 6)
8. Need Focused Appropriate Sanctions (TAM 9)
9. DA Needs to Be Present at Group Counseling Sessions (TAM 21)
10. Need FINS-Type Coordination in Delinquency Area (TAM 23)

### **Families In Need of Services (FINS)**

1. FINS Program is Good (EBR 15; LAF 7; LC 1; LC 12; LC 15; LC 20; LC 28; ALEX 37; MON 6; MON 10; JEFF 3; ORL 16)
2. FINS Program Needs More Funding (LAF 2; LAF 4; LAF 8; LAF 10; LAF 34; LC 15; ALEX 1; ALEX 22; SB 7; SB 20; MON 7; MON 10; TAM 8; TAM 19; JEFF 3; ORL 16)
3. Problems Accessing FINS Services (LAF 8)
4. Need More Services for FINS (LC 28)
5. Clients Referred to FINS Cannot Always Afford the Services Recommended to Them (LAF 34; MON 24)

6. Parents and Kids Need to be Made More Accountable for Non-Compliance with FINS agreements; Need Some Sanctions (LC 15; LC 28; SB 29; MON 2; MON 11)
7. FINS Needs More than Just Contracts. It Needs Real Interventions Requiring Well-Paid, Skilled Professionals to Provide Intensive Interventions (LC 20; SB 20)
8. FINS Has Become Too Bureaucratic; Program Drowning in Paperwork (LC 28)
9. Need Some Power and Authority over Parents in Status Offense Cases (SB 29)
10. Legislature Needs to Pass Legislation Imposing Sanctions for Violations of Status Offenses and Give the Courts Needed Authority. Sanctions Could Include Fines, Community Service, Placement in Non-Secure Facilities, and Incarceration for Adults (MON 2)
11. FINS Needs to be Able to Provide Early Intervention Strategies to Dysfunctional Families (MON 4)
12. Need Parish-Wide Community Service Program for Kids Not Complying with FINS (LC 15)
13. Need More Services for FINS (LAF 10; LC 15; JEFF 4)
14. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools As Quickly As Possible (SB 1)
15. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
16. FINS is a Very Flawed Program; Part of that Social Worker Program Stuff (MON 11)
17. Need for Accountability in System (JEFF 3)
18. Specific Problem with FINS Addressed Privately (JEFF 25)
19. Dissatisfaction with FINS Program (JEFF 26)
20. Teachers Work in a War Zone; Could Fill FINS Tenfold (ALEX 39)
21. Need a FINS Program in Tangipahoa Parish (TAM 18)

### **Truancy Programs**

1. TASC Centers are Good (LAF 4; LAF 8; MON 10)
2. TASC Centers Need More Funding (LC 3; MON 10)
3. Losing the Truancy War; Need to Have Sanctions to Ensure Compliance (SB 4)
4. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools as Quickly as Possible (SB 1)
5. Legislation is Needed to Allow TASCs to Address Truancy from K-12 (SB 3)
6. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
7. Need to Improve School Attendance (MON 10)

### **Other Diversion Programs**

1. Marine Institute Program is Good (EBR 19; EBR 20; LC 48; JEFF 6)
2. Youth Challenge Program is Good (EBR 21; LAF 12; ALEX 4; ALEX 14; SB 6; SB 34; MON 13; MON 28; TAM 20; JEFF 5; ORL 25)
3. Teen Court is Good Program (LAF 10; SB 2; SB 4; ORL 7)
4. Family Tree Program is Good (LAF 34)
5. Drug Courts Need More Funding (LC 3)
6. Bossier Has Had Great Success with Use of Ankle Bracelets (Electronic Monitoring ) (SB 25)
7. Against Erasing District Attorneys From System Through Court-Sponsored Diversion Programs (MON 11)
8. Need Correctional Programs and Facilities for Children Under 16 (MON 27)

9. Son is Not Being Helped by Current Correctional System (MON 27)
10. Sheriff Lee's National Young Marine Programs is Effective (JEFF 9)
11. Need to Have a Restorative Justice Program (JEFF 21; ORL 15; ORL 23)
12. Need Funding for Orleans Teen Court (ORL 7)
13. Juveniles Could Assist in Clean-Up Efforts Instead of Being Sent to Detention (ORL 12)
14. Restorative Justice Principles are Valuable, But They Only Work in the Community Not in Jail (ORL 18)

### **PART 3. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS REGARDING PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES**

#### **A. Mental Health Services/Issues**

1. Shortage of Mental Health Services and Facilities (EBR 4; EBR 13; EBR 16; EBR 28; LAF 23; LAF 24; LC 6; LC 39; ALEX 6; ALEX 9; ALEX 24; ALEX 25; ALEX 30; ALEX 31SB 11; SB 16; SB 18; SB 20; SB 27; TAM 7; TAM 15; TAM 18; ORL 6; ORL 9; ORL 24; ORL 41; ORL 43; ORL 51)
2. Money for Mental Health Services Should Go to Hospitals (SB 33)
3. Lack of Resources Causes Migration of Mental Health Cases and Developmentally Disabled Cases to Delinquency Status (LAF 2; LC 5; SB 7; SB 27; MON 3; MON 7; MON 26; ORL 26)
4. Need More Mental Health Services before Offenders Enter System (LAF 23; SB 27)
5. Need More Resources for Chronic Psychiatric Cases (LAF 24; SB 20; SB 27)
6. Proposed Hiring Freeze Will Badly Affect Mental Health Services (LC 9; LC 47)
7. U.S. Surgeon General Reports That We are Facing a Crisis in Mental Health for Children and Adolescents (LC 39)
8. 60 to 75% of Incarcerated Youth in Louisiana Have a Mental Disorder (LC 39)
9. Mental Health Problems Have to be Severe before One Can Begin to Get Services (SB 20)
10. Mental Health Services are Discontinued as soon as Some Progress is Shown (SB 20)
11. Need Mental Health Services for Older Children (SB 20)
12. Need More Standards for Mental Health Treatment Facilities (SB 21)
13. Children in Some Mental Health Institutions Suffer from Staff Violence (SB 21)

14. Need to Monitor Mental Health Facilities (SB 21)
15. Need Faster Forms of Mental Health Therapy (SB 29)
16. Need Individuals to Get Involved in Mental Health Issues (SB 33)
17. Need Help with Out-Patient Mental Health Services (SB 33)
18. Need to Intervene with Mental Health Strategies before Age 17 or 18 (SB 33)
19. Youths with Mental Illness are Having to Stay Longer in Juvenile Detention Centers (LC 39)
20. Need Mental Health Facilities for Dealing with Long-Term Mental Illness (ALEX 9)
21. Less Than 10% of Those with Mental Illness Get the Care They Need (ALEX 24)
22. In-Home Therapies are among the Best Places to Put the Money (ALEX 25)
23. Intensive Therapies, Such as Multi-Systemic Therapy, are among the Best Places to Put the Money (ALEX 25)
24. Fourteen-Year Old Boy Was Sexually Molested and Developed PTSD. Has Been Suicidal and Has a Variety of Behavioral Problems. Son Had 14 Instances Where He Needed Acute Psychiatric Care But Never Got What He Needed. Finally the Mother Had to Relinquish Custody of the Child to the State So That He Might have Treatment (ORL 6)
25. A Parent Should Not Have to Give Their Child Away to Get Him Programs and services (ORL 6)
26. Grandmother of Severely Mentally Ill Child; Need More Community Mental Health and Family Support Services (ORL 41)
27. Racism Affects the Delivery of Mental Health Services; Programs Need to be Cognizant of Such Racism (ORL 43)
28. Of the 500 Juveniles Defended Last Year by the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) One-Third to One-Half of Them Were in Threat of Incarceration; Only Four Were Incarcerated (ORL 48)

29. Need Mental Health Assessment Services (TAM 8)
30. Need Mental Health Services for Juveniles in Detention (TAM 15)
31. Mental Health Services Should be Provided in Schools (TAM 21)

**B. Substance Abuse Services/Issues**

1. Need More Services for Substance Abusing Teenagers and Families (EBR 4; IAF 21; LAF 35; LC 27; ALEX 29; MON 2; TAM 11; TAM 12; ORL 26)
2. Lack of Beds in Substance Abuse Residential Programs (EBR 4; LC 6; LC 45; MON 2; JEFF 16)
3. Need to Increase Number of Half-Way House Beds for Substance Abusers (LAF 35; LC 45; JEFF 20)
4. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Program to Obtain Greater Parental Involvement in Treating Substance-Abusing Youth. (LC 38)
5. Need Exponential Program Component to Drug Program Whereby Children Can Benefit from an Experience and Then Carry That Experience Back to a Talk Therapy Group (LC 38)
6. Need Appropriation in FY 2002-2003 to Develop a Family Program for Substance Abuse in the Lake Charles Area (LC 38)
7. Drug Prevention Programs are being Developed in Every Parish (LC 38)
8. Create AA Program in Juvenile Prisons and Detention Facilities to Assist Children with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
9. Bastrop Has a State-of-the-Art Substance Abuse Facility That is Very Effective (MON 20)
10. Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court Drug Court Program is Effective (JEFF 27)
11. Heroin Use Among Juveniles is on the Increase in Orleans (ORL 1)
12. Need Detox Treatment Services and Bed Space in Orleans (ORL 1)
13. Problems with Second-Generation Crack Babies (ALEX 7)

14. Has an Adolescent Treatment Program; Has Problems Getting Referrals (ORL 20)
15. New Beginning Restoration Program Has 95% Success Rate (ORL 27)
16. Parent/Child Relationship is Key; Respect on Both Sides is Key (ORL 27)
17. Could Not Start a Drug Court in Washington Because of Lack of Transportation TAM 11)
18. Substance Abuse is a Growing Problem, But Budget Cut Every Year (TAM 12)
19. For Every Dollar Spent on Prevention, Can Save Seven Dollars in Incarceration Costs (TAM 12)
20. Spend Money on Preventing Drug Abuse (TAM 13)

**C. Parenting Services/Issues**

1. Need to Have Parenting Programs for Youth (EBR 25; LC 21)
2. Need Parenting Classes (LAF 8; LC 22; ALEX 14; ALEX 33; MON 10; JEFF 22; ORL 14; ORL 51)
3. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Program to Obtain Greater Parental Involvement in Treating Substance-Abusing Youth (LC 38; MON 10)
4. State Should Pay for Mandatory Parenting Classes for Teen Parents (LC 21)
5. Need Parent Counseling Programs (LC 41; MON 10; ALEX 1)
6. Need Early Intervention Family Strengthening Programs (ALEX 1; ALEX 13; ORL 11)
7. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Classes (ALEX 38)
8. Families of Incarcerated Children Need Support (ORL 38)
9. Need Parent Training and Support, Especially for Parents with Mentally Challenged Children (ORL 51)

**D. After-Care/Re-Entry Services/Issues**

1. Need Spiritual, Not Necessarily Religious, After-Care Programs (LAF 13)
2. Need More Resources after Incarceration (LAF 13; LAF 14; LAF 18; ALEX 6; ALEX 22; MON 2; MON 7; JEFF 12; ORL 21)
3. Need Funding for Re-Entry Programs for Juveniles (LAF 4; ALEX 6; JEFF 12; ORL 2)
4. Need Agencies to Pool Their Funding to Support Incarcerated Juvenile's Re-Entry into Society (JEFF 12)
5. Need After-Care Programs That Track Families (ORL 32)

**E. Juvenile Sexual Offender Services/Issues**

1. Absence of Treatment Services for Juvenile Sex Offenders (EBR 4; EBR 13; LAF 24; LC 26; LC 46; TAM 10)
2. Many Mental Health Professionals in Louisiana Have Not Been Trained to Deal With Juvenile Sexual Offenders (LC 46)
3. Treatment for Juvenile Sexual Offenders Has Not Been Defined in Louisiana (LC 46)
4. Need Registry of Treatment Providers for Juvenile and Adult Offenders (LC 46)

**F. Mentoring Programs/Issues**

1. Need Mentoring Programs and Volunteers (LAF 9; LAF 14; LAF 21; LC 14; LC 20; SB 4; SB 6; SB 15; JEFF 29)
2. Need Funding for Mentoring Program (JEFF 29)

**G. Shelter Services/Issues**

1. Need "Cool Down" Shelter Facilities for Children Kicked Out of Alternative School (LC 10; ALEX 16)
2. Need Transitional Shelters for Homeless Families (SB 31)

3. Need Short-Term Residential Treatment That Supports Family and Provides Respite from Ungovernable Children (MON 2; ALEX 37; ALEX 38)
4. Need Third-Class of Correctional Facilities Besides Secured and Non-Secured Facilities That Will Keep Children Safe for Short Periods (SB 29)
5. Serious Need for Shelter Care/Group Homes (EBR 13; LC 6; ALEX 6)
6. Lack of Shelter Care for Ungovernable Youth (EBR 4)
7. Need Options for Offenders with Behavioral Problems Whose Parents Refuse to Let Them Return to the Family Home (LAF 24)
8. Need Residential Treatment Centers, Crisis Centers, and Therapeutic Foster Homes (LC 39)
9. Need More Services (Locked Settings) for Chronic Runaways (LAF 24)
10. Create Regional Youth Centers and Outlying Satellite Facilities for Troubled Pre-Offenders. The Centers Would Network with Other Agencies to Provide a Range of Services, e.g. Tutoring, Mentoring Counseling, Etc. (MON 23)
11. Need More Funding for Residential Care (ORL 32)
12. Lack of Residential Facilities for Girls (ORL 33)
13. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims. Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
14. Closest Halfway House for Juveniles is in Shreveport (TAM 4)
15. Increasing, Unrecognized Problem with Juvenile Fire Setters; No Place to Put Them for Treatment (TAM 5)
16. Need Runaway Shelter/Non-Secured Facility (TAM 6)
17. Covenant House Provides Emergency Shelter and Transitional Services for At-Risk Youth (TAM 22)

18. Need Intermediate Facilities/Group Homes for Juveniles Between Probation and Incarceration (TAM 23)
19. Girls/Boys Town Offers Emergency Shelter for Boys and Girls as well as Residential Treatment Programs Aimed at Assisting the Parent (ORL 49)

**H. Child Care/After-School Services/Issues**

1. Need After-School Programs (EBR 2; LAF 9; LAF 32; ORL 3; ORL 14)
2. Need Quality Child Care (EBR 2)
3. Need Accountability in Child Care (SB 26)
4. Standardize Licensing of Child Care Facilities (SB 26)

**I. Other Treatment and Prevention Services/Issues**

1. Need Week-End Programs for Youth (EBR 2)
2. Need Summer Programs for Youth (EBR 2)
3. Lack of Affordable Counseling for Children and Families (EBR 4; LAF 9; LC 1)
4. Need Improved Pre-Natal Care (EBR 9)
5. Need Family Strengthening Programs (EBR 13)
6. Need Life-Skills Training for Youth (EBR 25; LAF 3)
7. Need to Teach Youth about Personal Hygiene and Reproductive Health (EBR 25)
8. Need Intensive In-Home Programs (LAF 2; LC 15; LC 40; JEFF 20; ORL 21)
9. Need to Emphasize Individual Group Counseling, Aid for Mental Health, and Services for Developmentally Disabled Offenders (LAF 2)
10. Need More Services for FINS (LAF 10; LC 15)
11. Need More Services for Mentally Retarded (LAF 24; LC 6)

12. Need More Services (Locked Settings) for Chronic Runaways (LAF 24)
13. Need More Structured and Therapeutic Services for Children under 12 (LAF 24)
14. Need More Services for Female Offenders (LAF 24 ALEX 23)
15. Archways Recovery Center Program Works (LAF 29)
16. Free Treatment Does Not Work (LAF 29)
17. Parents Need to Be Involved in the Development of Community Centers (LC 7)
18. Need Parish-Wide Community Service Program for Kids Not Complying with FINS (LC 15)
19. Because Families and Kids Have Multiple Problems, Need Systematic Treatment Programs (LC 20)
20. Kids Need to Be Put in Community Service Programs to Build Their Pride and Self-Esteem (LC 20)
21. Need Services to Assist Sexually Abused Children (LC 25; ALEX 30; TAM 10)
22. Need Accurate and Prompt Reporting of Family Abuse (LC 25)
23. Need Programs to Educate and Assist Children in Understanding High Sexual-Risk Situations (LC 25)
24. Wilderness Children's Home Provides Counseling and Residential Services to Children (LC 34)
25. Need Transportation, Especially in Rural Areas (LC 38; LC 40; ALEX 1; ALEX 6; ALEX 29; TAM 11; JEFF 22)
26. Families Must Not be Forced to Turn to the Juvenile Justice System in Order to Find the Services Their Children Need (LC 39)
27. Need Family Preservation Programs, including Multi-Systemic Therapy (LC 39; ORL 3)
28. Need More Structured Activities, e.g. Leadership Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Beau Care (LC 39)

29. Education and Treatment Council Works (LC 40)
30. Family and Youth Counseling Agency Works (LC 41)
31. Need Quality Holistic Family Intervention Services (LC 41)
32. Allow Private Social Service Agencies to Play a Coordinating Role in the Delivery of Quality Family Treatment Programs (LC 41)
33. Need to Implement Programs That Encourage and Promote Self-Respect, Responsibility, and Civic Sense (LC 41)
34. Need Multi-Modal Treatment Approaches (LC 43)
35. Children with Multiple Needs Need Resources to Address These Long-Term Problems (SB 7)
36. Need Life Center to Provide Services to Parents and Children (SB 15)
37. Need Mobile Juvenile Services Program (SB 29)
38. Volunteers for Youth Justice in Shreveport is a Model for Rest of State (SB 32)
39. Youth Opportunities Initiative is Good Program (MON 1)
40. Need Character Interventions in Home (MON 12)
41. Need Wraparound Services (JEFF 24)
42. Need Alternative Programs for Juveniles with Disabilities to Prevent Them From Entering the Juvenile Justice System (JEFF 31)
43. Need to Increase Alternative Services for Female Offenders (ALEX 23; ALEX 27; JEFF 30)
44. Need Better Living Options; Need Facilities That Offer Room and Board, Counseling, and Quality Education; Need Level Systems (ALEX 9)
45. Increase and Expand Services to 17 to 21 Year Olds (ALEX 16)
46. Need to be Very Gender Specific When Designing and Implementing Programs (ALEX 23; ORL 33)

47. Education, Childcare, and Family Therapy Funding Needs to be a High Priority (ORL 44)
48. There are No Programs for Latino, Asian, or Non-English Speaking Persons in Louisiana; Many Parents Have Little English; Need Culturally Sensitive Programs (ORL 46)
49. Need Treatment Programs for Juvenile Arsonists (TAM 5)
50. Need Continuum of Services for Female Offenders (TAM 6)
51. Youth Services Bureau is a Very Good Model, But Not Funded to Reach Every Area in Judicial District (TAM 11)

## **PART 4. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS REGARDING EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**

### **A. Educational Services/Issues**

1. Need to Look at How Funding is Distributed to School Districts (LAF 11)
2. Money to School Districts Should be Distributed Monthly to Ensure That Schools Keep Kids (LAF 11)
3. Need Alternative Schools (EBR 13; LAF 2; LAF 11; ALEX 7; ALEX 21 MON 2; MON 10; MON 15; JEFF 11; JEFF 13; JEFF 15)
4. Need Educational Programs to Deal with Discipline Problems (EBR 13)
5. Need Help for Schools (EBR 16)
6. Zero Tolerance Programs Not Working in the Schools; Good Kids Get Hurt by Bad Kids (EBR 17; ORL 30)
7. Concept of Marine Institute Alternative School (EBR 20)
8. Need to Emphasize Character Building and Education (LAF 2)
9. Need Alternative Vocational Training for Some Students (LAF 6; ALEX 5)
10. Need to Get School Input before Sentencing (LAF 6)
11. Need to Implement IEPs (LC 22)
12. Need More Counselors in School (LC 39; ALEX 7)
13. Community College Can Effectively Provide Parental Training Programs and Other Forms of Training (SB 3)
14. Need to Improve School Attendance (MON 10)
15. Problem of General Parental Neglect: Picking Up Children Late; Lice (MON 10)

16. Need to Re-Examine Suspension Policies of Schools; Perhaps Require Child to Perform Certain Tasks in Low Pupil-Teacher Setting (MON 10)
17. Need to Bring Prayer and Bible Reading Back into Schools (MON 14; MON 15; MON 19)
18. Need to Find a Way to Reduce Suspensions and Keep Children in School (MON 19; ALEX 21)
19. Need a System Where Both Parents and Children are Educated Together (MON 19)
20. We Have Teachers That Cannot Teach. Need More Capable and Concerned Teachers (MON 25)
21. Need to Educate Children About the Legal System and How it Works (MON 26)
22. Legislature Passed Act Mandating Alternative Education, But Act is Unfunded Mandate (JEFF 11; JEFF 13; JEFF 15)
23. Need to Focus on Special Education (JEFF 17; JEFF 22)
24. Louisiana is in Jeopardy of Losing its Special Education Funds Because of Program's Poor Record (JEFF 17)
25. Zero Tolerance Policies Should be Banned (ALEX 16)
26. Schools Need to Work More Closely with Juvenile System (ALEX 39)
27. Teachers Work in a War Zone; Could Fill FINS Tenfold (ALEX 39)
28. Need More Prevention and Treatment Services in School (ALEX 39)
29. Need Probation Officers in Schools (ALEX 39)
30. Parents Need to be More Responsible When Asked to Come to School (ALEX 39)
31. Need More High Quality Pre-School Programs, Such as Head Start (ORL 3)
32. Need After-School Tutoring and Mentoring Programs (ORL 3)

33. Hire More Teachers and Tutors (ORL 3)
34. Having Trouble Enrolling Her Child Who Was Released From Tallulah in School (ORL 5)
35. Louisiana's Retention Policy, Which is Based on LEAP Testing, is Counter-Productive in That It Leads to Higher Drop-Out Rates (ORL 8)
36. Need to Focus on Retention as a Prevention Strategy (ORL 8)
37. Elimination of Graffiti in Schools Has a Positive Impact on Safety and Order in Schools (ORL 12)
38. Three Types of Students: Those Who Do Well And Whose Parents Are Involved; Slow Learners Whose Parents are Not Involved; and Children Who Come to Play and Disrupt (ORL 14)
39. Need to Teach Kids Social Skills (ORL 14)
40. Schools Should Provide a Complete System of Care for Children, But Schools are Not Doing This (ORL 17)
41. Need GED and Vocational Training Programs (ORL 26)
42. 50% of Orleans Eighth Graders Flunked the LEAP test. We Need to do a Better Job (ORL 29)
43. Misuse of Zero Tolerance Policies by Schools is Burdening the Juvenile Justice System; Zero Tolerance is Being Used as a Quick Way to Get Kids into the Juvenile Justice System (ORL 30)
44. Pyramid Parent Training Provided Training and Resources to 900 Families with Kids with Special Needs (ORL 35)
45. There is a Connection between Education and Juvenile Justice; There is a Lack of Intervention in the Area of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders; Judges and Probation Officers Need Education in This Area (ORL 35)
46. Disabled Children are Not Being Respected in Schools (ORL 35)
47. "The Free and Appropriate Education" Required by Law is Not Being Provided in Many School System for Kids with Disabilities;

Many Principals, Administrators, Hearing Officers, Teachers, Etc. Don't Know the Law and Therefore Don't Apply It Fairly (ORL 35)

48. Opposed to Sheriff Foti's Alternative School Concept; Sheriff Foti's Alternative Schools Have Bars Like Jails (ORL 36)
49. Reality Check Supports Entrepreneurial Programs for Youth, Field Trips, and In-School (as Opposed to Out-of-School) Suspensions (ORL 46)

**B. Recreational Services/Issues**

1. Beau Care, a Community-Based Recreation Center, Helps Children (LC 17)
2. Need More Things for Kids to Do in Free Time, e.g. Skate Parks (SB 25)

**C. Child Protection Services/Issues**

1. All Sexual Abuse Cases Should be Investigated by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (LAF 22)
2. Problem of Grant Cycles, Especially for Small Areas (LC 13)
3. Potential Adoptive Parents Should Be Given All Information about a Child before the Adoption (SB 5)
4. Need to Listen to Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases (SB 17)
5. Anyone Accused of Abuse and Neglect Should Not Be Allowed to Turn the Issue into a Custody Battle (SB 17)
6. OCS's Policies Allowing Kids to Appear at Hearings Seems to Be Inconsistent in Many Cases (MON 6)
7. All Agencies Have to be Available to Handle Emergency Situations (MON 6)
8. Child Support System Overwhelmed by Problems of Abuse and Neglect; Need More Support (MON 10)
9. CASA is a Good Program (ALEX 23; ORL 23)
10. CASA Serves as a Facilitator for the Child (ORL 23)

11. Methodist Home Provides 40 Beds for Therapeutic Foster Care; Serve about 250 Kids Per Year (ORL 32)
12. Need to Break the Cycle of Abuse and Neglect (ORL 32)
13. Need Statewide Concurrent Planning (ORL 34)
14. There are Approximately 500 Children with No Match Awaiting Adoption in La. and Approximately 4000 Kids in Foster Care (ORL 34)
15. There is a Need for Supportive Services to Adoptive Families (ORL 34)
16. Need to Increase the Adoption Subsidy (ORL 34)
17. Need Supportive Services to Families, Especially in the Areas of Mental Health, School, and Social Work (ORL 34)
18. There are Approximately 4,000 Children in Foster Care But Only about 3,000 Foster Parents (ORL 37)
19. Mother of Nine Kids, One of Whom Was Taken Away From Her by the Court Feels That System Has Failed Her. Doesn't Know What to Do (ORL 40)
20. By the Time Children Get to OCS, Problems Have Existed for Years (ORL 37)
21. OCS Workers Have a Heavy Caseload (ORL 37)
22. Need to Strengthen the Family, Churches, and Schools (ORL 37)
23. Problem of Foster Children Portrayed Very Well in Submitted Essence Article (ORL 37)
24. Many Youth Have Themselves Been Victims of Abuse and Neglect. These Kids Need Treatment and Rehabilitation to Find What Their Strengths are and Build Upon Them (ORL 44)
25. Make Child Abuse a National Emergency (TAM 14)
26. Need Counselors Who Specialize and are Trained in Treating Sexual Abuse (TAM 14)
27. Child Protection Investigations Take Too Long (ORL 51)

28. No Beds for Residential Treatment (ORL 51)

## **PART 5. LAW ENFORCEMENT, REPRESENTATIONAL, PROSECUTORIAL, AND ADJUDICATIVE SERVICES**

### **A. Law Enforcement Services/Issues**

1. Lack of Proper Educational Requirements for Police and Correctional Officers (LAF 20)
2. Law Enforcement Needs to be More Involved in FINS (LC 12)
3. Law Enforcement Needs to Develop Better Ways to Interview Kids (LC 12)
4. Need to Better Train Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers on the Appropriate Ways to Work with Children Diagnosed as Having Mental Illness (JEFF 30)
5. The Institutional Counseling Program of the New Orleans Police Department is Effective (ORL 1)
6. Fingerprint and Photograph All Juvenile Offenders (ALEX 16)
7. Need More Juvenile Officers (ALEX 17; ALEX 20)
8. Juvenile Crimes Need to be Given More Priority (ALEX 17)
9. Difficulty Communicating with Judges and Law Enforcement Personnel Without Going Through Layers of People (ORL 10)

### **B. Representational Services/Issues**

1. Indigent Defenders are Over-worked and are Not Serving Clients Effectively (EBR 24; LC 23; ALEX 10; SB 8; MON 26; ORL 28)
2. We have Assembly-Line Justice for Juveniles (EBR 24)
3. Need Adversary System for Whole System to Work (EBR 24; SB10; MON 21; ORL 47)
4. Need Attorneys to Make Sure Kids Get Fair Treatment (EBR 24)
5. Need Attorneys to Hold System Accountable (EBR 24)
6. Indigent Defender Pay is Very Low; Need Parity with Prosecutors (EBR 24; ALEX 10; SB 8; SB 9; MON 21; ORL 26; ORL 28)

7. Need to Limit Caseloads (EBR 24; ALEX 11)
8. Need Training and CLE Requirements in Juvenile Law (EBR 24; ALEX 11)
9. Need to Have Strong Legal Advocates for Child (EBR 24)
10. IDB System Needs More Funding (LC 23; LC 26; ALEX 8; ALEX 10; ALEX 18; ALEX 31; SB 8; SB 9; SB 10; SB 11; SB 24; MON 21; JEFF 8; JEFF 10; JEFF 28; ORL 28; ORL 47)
10. Attorneys and Other Advocates of Children Need to Understand Children (LC 29)
12. IDB System in Caddo Close to Collapse (SB 9)
13. Forcing Lawyers to Represent Clients without Pay (SB 9)
14. OCS Needs to Pay for Private Attorneys for Parents and for Children in CINC Cases, Not the Attorneys Who Sign-Up First (SB 11)
15. Need to Fund Conflict Attorneys (SB 29)
16. Lawyers Needed to Represent Clients in Juvenile Cases (SB 34; MON 26)
17. Need More Training for Lawyers in Juvenile Law (MON 26; ALEX 11)
18. Implement the ABA Report, "The Children Left Behind" (JEFF 8)
19. Need Well-Trained Public Defender System (JEFF 10)
20. IDB Attorneys Handling Juvenile Cases Have Heavier Caseloads Than Other IDB Attorneys (ALEX 10)
21. Need Standards and Ethical Rules, Especially with Respect to Caseloads, Training, Roles and Duties (ALEX 11)
22. Need to Recruit and Develop More Attorneys to Handle Juvenile Cases (ALEX 11)
23. Need to Involve Law Schools in Juvenile Area. Need Volunteers and Other Forms of Assistance (ALEX 11)

24. Attorneys Need to be Assigned to TPR Cases Earlier; Parents Do Not Get the Message until It is Too Late (ALEX 18)
25. There are Many Good People in IDB System (ALEX 18)
26. Need Appellate Assistance for Juvenile Courts (ORL 26)
27. Concern About the Lack of Juvenile Legal Representation; No One is Visiting These Kids in Detention, Not Lawyers, Not Parents (ORL 33)
28. There is an Inadequate Number of Trained Juvenile Attorneys Who are Willing to Work in Juvenile Court (ORL 34)

**C. Prosecutorial Services/Issues**

1. Caseloads for DAs and Indigent Defenders are Very High (LC 27; ALEX 19; ORL 16; ORL 28)
2. Rapid Turnover of Juvenile Prosecutors (LC 27)
3. There is too Much Time Between Time of Offense and Time When Charged; Need to Charge more Quickly. (SB 29)
4. Funding Shortages in Case Processing Throughout State (SB 34; ORL 28)
5. Against Erasing District Attorneys from System Through Court-Sponsored Diversion Programs (MON 11)
6. Lack of Resources for Prosecutors and the Children They are Prosecuting (ALEX 5; ALEX 19; ORL 28)

**D. Court Services/Issues**

1. Need More Juvenile Officers (LC 1)
2. Need Training for Juvenile Officers (LC 1)
3. Each City with a City Court Needs a Short-Term Holding Facility (LC 1)
4. Not Enough Privacy in the Courthouse (LC 7)
5. Courts Should Provide Advocates to Child Offenders and Parents to Explain the Juvenile Justice System (LC 8)

6. People Do Not Understand the Court's Process Involving Abuse and Neglect Cases; Need to Better Communicate the Process to Parents and Other Participants (LC 31)
7. Create Sentencing Guidelines with Provisions for Graduated Sanctions (SB 7)
8. Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts Need More Money (SB 10; SB 24)
9. Develop Uniform Sentencing (SB 26)
10. Base Decisions on Sending Children to Correctional Facilities on Seriousness and Number of Crimes and Age of Offender (SB 26)
11. Sentencing Guidelines Do Not Appear to Have Worked in Adult System (SB 29)
12. Pressure for Harsh Sentences Will Not Alleviate Problems But Will Only Place More Children in Detention Facilities (SB 29)
13. Part-Time Judges Need the Same Type of Resources as Full-time Judges (Staff; Grant Writers, etc.) SB 29)
14. Need More Court Dates (LAF 10)
15. An Example of How a Caring Judge Can Help a Delinquent (MON 29)
16. Children Should be Sanctioned in Terms of What is Best for Them as Individuals (ALEX 9)
17. Recidivists Should Be Treated as Recidivists (ALEX 16)
18. There are Too Many Delays in Juvenile Cases (ALEX 19)
19. Concept of a Suspension Court (ALEX 29)
20. Difficulty Communicating with Judges and Law Enforcement Personnel without Going Through Layers of People (ORL 10)
21. There is a Connection between Education and Juvenile Justice; There is a Lack of Intervention in the Area of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders; Judges and Probation Officers Need Education in This Area (ORL 35)

22. Need to Get Judges and Probation Officers to Work with Kids and Not Set Them up to Fail; If a Child Was in a Wheelchair, You Wouldn't Ask Him to Get Up and Walk, But We Ask Youth to "Behave" and "Go Back to School and Do Well" When They Have Real Disabilities That Prevent Them from Doing This (ORL 35)
23. Need Specially Trained Judges to Handle Domestic and Juvenile Cases (ORL 42)

**E. Clerks of Court Services/Issues**

1. Parish Clerks of Court Are Forced to Absorb Most of the Costs of Juvenile Cases; Need to Find a Way to Compensate Clerks for Their Services on Juvenile Cases; (ALEX 12)

**East Baton Rouge Public Hearing  
October 15, 2002**

<b><u>Site</u></b>	<b><u>#</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
EBR	1	Gwen Hamilton	Department of Social Services
EBR	2	Judy Harris	Children's Trust Fund
EBR	3	Doug Moreau	District Attorney, 19th JDC
EBR	4	Dr. Bobby Gaston	East Baton Rouge, Mayor's Office
EBR	5	Carrie Cormier	General Public
EBR	6	Kay Hessick	Office of Community Services
EBR	7	Carmen Weisner	Office of Community Services
EBR	8	Judge Nancy Konrad	Judge, Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court
EBR	9	Lucy McGough	La. Law Institute, Children's Code Committee
EBR	10	Yvonne Day	East Baton Rouge -- Operation Eiger
EBR	11	Elijah Lewis	Office of Youth Development
EBR	12	Karen and Adam Bedell	General Public
EBR	13	Pat Smith	East Baton Rouge, FINS
EBR	14	Rebecca Ferguson	East Baton Rouge Dept. Of Juvenile Services
EBR	15	Melinda Voorhies	Valley Park Alternative School
EBR	16	Alberta D. Hasten	Iberville Parish School Board
EBR	17	Reginald Grace	General Public
EBR	18	Gwen Hayes	District Attorney's Office, 18th JDC
EBR	19	Greg Kleinpeter	Baton Rouge Marine Institute
EBR	20	Newton Thomas	Infinity Schools
EBR	21	Sgt. Paul Baum and Colonel Kirkpatrick	Youth Challenge Program
EBR	22	David Utter	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
EBR	23	Ari Ellerbe	General Public
EBR	24	Steve Dixon	IDB, 19th JDC
EBR	25	Molly Phillips	Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge
EBR	26	Sister Lory Schaff	St. Paul ALC
EBR	27	Gail Atkins	General Public
EBR	28	Martha Forbes	National Association of Social Workers

**Lafayette Public Hearing  
October 16, 2002**

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
LAF 1	Rene Prejean	Lafayette Juvenile Detention
LAF 2	Ernest Bejeaux and George White	Office of Youth Development
LAF 3	Khalil Tian Shahyd	General Public
LAF 4	Phil Haney	District Attorney, 16th JDC
LAF 5	David Williams	General Public
LAF 6	Steve Brakin	Lafayette Parish School Board
LAF 7	Jules Edwards, III	Judge, 15th JDC
LAF 8	Paulette Lemelle	Myrtle Place Elementary School
LAF 9	David Utter	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
LAF 10	Melise Trahan	FINS, 15th JDC
LAF 11	Kenneth Boagni, Jr.	Judge, Opelousas City Court
LAF 12	Earl Taylor	District Attorney, 27th JDC
LAF 13	Robert Cotner	General Public
LAF 14	Reggie Tatum	Tatum Resource Center
LAF 15	Floyd Johnson	District Attorney's Office, 15th JDC
LAF 16	Renee Taylor	Lafayette Parish School Board - Substance Abuse Program
LAF 17	Melissa Lee	School Resource Officer, Sheriff's Department, St. Mary
LAF 18	Rachell Martin	General Public
LAF 19	Michelle Breaux	District Attorney's Office, 15th JDC
LAF 20	Glenn Morgan, J.D.	Attorney
LAF 21	Rusty Miller, LCSW	Social Worker
LAF 22	Charles Brenke	Lafayette Police Department
LAF 23	Kathy Cook	Mental Health Advocacy Service
LAF 24	Ellen Trahan	Lafayette Region, OCS
LAF 25	Keith Comeaux	General Public
LAF 26	Roxy Blanton	Iberia Parish School Board
LAF 27	Marcus Allen	Attorney
LAF 28	Otis Victor	General Public
LAF 29	Steve Credeur	Archways Recovery Center
LAF 30	Donald Cobb, Jr.	General Public
LAF 31	Jarvis Claiborne	General Public
LAF 32	Dianne Dupas	General Public
LAF 33	Jackie Harrell	Lafayette Region, OCS
LAF 34	Yasmin Welch, LCSW	Family Tree
LAF 35	Joyce Ben	Office for Addictive Disorders

**Lake Charles Public Hearing  
October 17, 2002**

<u>Site</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
LC	1	Judge Perrell Fuselier	Judge, Oakdale City Court
LC	2	Judge Billy Ezell	Judge, Family Division, 14th JDC
LC	3	Mark McMurry	Calcasieu Parish Administrator
LC	4	Randy Fuerst	Attorney
LC	5	James Bueche	Office of Youth Development
LC	6	Dane Bolin	Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center
LC	7	Audience Spectator (Anonymous)	General Public
LC	8	Grace Bauer	General Public
LC	9	Yvonne Guerrini	OMH, Region V Advisory Council
LC	10	Mr. H. B. Kyle	Jefferson Davis Parish Schools
LC	11	Max Mathieu	Boys and Girls Village
LC	12	Chief Gary "Stitch" Guillory	Chief of Police, City of Westlake
LC	13	Delores Cornett	Office of Community Services, Lake Charles
LC	14	Fred Rickman	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
LC	15	Annette Kelly	FINS, Allen Parish
LC	16	Kathy Cook	Mental Health Advocacy Service
LC	17	Terri O-Hara	Beau Care, Beauregard Parish
LC	18	Ellaweena Woods	Middle School Principal
LC	19	Karen Miller	Elementary School Teacher
LC	20	Rusty Miller	Gulf Coast Teaching and Family Services
LC	21	Anthony Deville	CASA Volunteer
LC	22	Diane Hazelwood	Families Helping Families of SW La.
LC	23	Ron Ware	IDB, 14th JDC
LC	24	Gerry Captain	General Public
LC	25	Bonnie Hines Palombo	Rape Crisis Outreach
LC	26	Sid Rosteet	Attorney
LC	27	Ronnie Rossitto	District Attorney's Office, 14th JDC
LC	28	Bill Riley	District Attorney's Office, 31st JDC
LC	29	Jolynn Doland	Children's Advocacy Center
LC	30	Sean Shepard	General Public
LC	31	Wilford Luttrell	Investigator, OCS, Beauregard Parish
LC	32	Tom Lorenzi	Attorney
LC	33	Audience Spectator (Anonymous)	General Public
LC	34	Rev. Leona Clements Benoit	Wilderness Children's Home
LC	35	Mary Morris	General Public
LC	36	Pastor J. L. Franklin	Minister
LC	37	Frances Butler	General Public
LC	38	Pete Manena	Office of Addictive Disorders
LC	39	Dr. Pamela McPherson	Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
LC	40	Amy Dunn	Education and Treatment Council
LC	41	Julio Galan	Family and Youth Counseling Agency
LC	42	Charles Robertson	Minister
LC	43	Scott Riviere	Kids Incorporated
LC	44	Giles Gilliam	Social Worker
LC	45	Lance Wallace	Calcasieu Parish Drug Treatment Program
LC	46	Troy Mire	Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment

**Lake Charles Public Hearing  
October 17, 2002**

<b><u>Site #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
LC 47	Yvonne Guerrini	OMH, Region V Advisory Council
LC 48	Audra Ray	Southwest Louisiana Marine Institute
LC 49	John Doe ( Maurice Tynes)	Attorney

**Monroe Public Hearing  
October 21, 2002**

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
MON 1	Keith Guice and Allan Laird	Youth Opportunity Initiative
MON 2	Pam Hansen	FINS, 4th JDC
MON 3	Bernadine Hall	Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Advisory Bd.
MON 4	Terry Doughty	District Attorney's Office, 5th JDC
MON 5	Helen Buttitta	Office of Community Services
MON 6	Judge Jenifer Clason	Judge, 2nd JDC
MON 7	James Bueche	Office of Youth Development
MON 8	Mike Rhodes	Green Oaks Detention Center
MON 9	Nancy Smith	Elementary School Principal
MON 10	Walter May	District Attorney, 2nd JDC
MON 11	Judge Rudy McIntyre	Judge, 5th JDC
MON 12	Staff Sergeant Mike Shield	Youth Challenge Program
MON 13	Byrd Minter	General Public
MON 14	Mickey Cleveland, Sr.	District Attorney Diversion Program, 4th JDC
MON 15	Rev. Leann Martin	Minister
MON 16	Rev. Dave Phillips	Minister
MON 17	Harrison Mohammad	Tree of Life Mentorship Program
MON 18	Charles Bradford	Paradise Village Children's Home
MON 19	J.L. Liggins	Paradise Village Children's Home
MON 20	Gabriella Celeste	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
MON 21	Ellen Fontenot	General Public
MON 22	Carol Christopher	House for Teens
MON 23	Martha Simons	School Superintendent, Caldwell Parish
MON 24	Larry Prater	School Teacher, Morehouse Parish
MON 25	Joshua Dara	Mental Health Advocacy Service
MON 26	Robertine Thomas	General Public
MON 27	Stan Wall	General Public
MON 28	Mitzy Jenkins	General Public

**Shreveport/Bossier Public Hearing  
October 22, 2002**

<b><u>Site #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
SB 1	Edwin Shell	TASC - Caddo
SB 2	Brian H. Barber	Teen Court
SB 3	Tom Carleton	Chancellor, Bossier Parish Community College
SB 4	Richard Jackson	TASC - Bossier
SB 5	LeAnn Johnson	General Public
SB 6	Brig. Gen. Richard W. Averitt	Youth Challenge Program
SB 7	George White	Office of Youth Development
SB 8	Michelle Dufour Brown	IDB - Caddo Parish
SB 9	Henry C. Walker	Attorney
SB 10	Judge David Matlock	Judge, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court
SB 11	Angela Waltman	IDB - Bossier
SB 12	Gabriella Celeste	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
SB 13	Judge Andrew B. Gallagher	Retired Judge, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court
SB 14	Carol Hawke	Mental Health Association
SB 15	Eddie Rivera	Soldiers of Compassion Outreach
SB 16	Kathryn Usher	General Public
SB 17	Sheila Campbell	General Public
SB 18	Kenneth A. Loftin	Ware Youth Center
SB 19	Susan Skelton	Office of Community Services
SB 20	Vee Boyd	Louisiana Federation of Families
SB 21	Barbara Washington	Children's Advocacy Center
SB 22	Ruby Banks	General Public
SB 23	Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen	General Public
SB 24	Ted Cox	Administrator, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court
SB 25	Jimmy Cochran	Bossier Parish Police Jury
SB 26	Beth Foster	League of Women Voters
SB 27	Barbara Roy	General Public
SB 28	Rep. Taylor Townsend	Representative
SB 29	Judge Mike Daniel	Judge, Bossier City Court
SB 30	Marshal Johnny Wyatt	Marshal, Bossier City
SB 31	Simone Hennessee	Providence House
SB 32	Mike Boggs	General Public
SB 33	Jess and Linda McEntee	Children's Counseling Center
SB 34	Van H. Kyzar	District Attorney, 10th JDC

**Alexandria Public Hearing  
October 23, 2002**

<b><u>Site #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
ALEX 1	Judge J. P. Mauffray, Jr.	Judge, 28th JDC
ALEX 2	Judge James H. Mixon	Judge, Bunkie City Court
ALEX 3	Judge George Murray, Jr.	Judge, Vidalia City Court
ALEX 4	Brig. Gen. Richard Averitt	Youth Challenge Program
ALEX 5	Daphne Robinson	District Attorney's Office, 9th JDC
ALEX 6	Claire Deslott	General Public
ALEX 7	Dr. Patsy Jenkins	Superintendent, Rapides Parish School Board
ALEX 8	Charles Jones	Principal, Marksville High
ALEX 9	Paul Erny	General Public
ALEX 10	Ken Rodenback	IDB, 9th JDC
ALEX 11	Susan Fizer	IDB Attorney
ALEX 12	Carolyn Ryland	Clerk of Court, Rapides Parish
ALEX 13	Phyllis Mann	Attorney
ALEX 14	Mike Wiley	Detective, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office
ALEX 15	Mike Wynn	Supervisor, Adult Probation and Parole, DPSC
ALEX 16	Larry Spottsville	Director, Juvenile Services, Rapides Parish
ALEX 17	Paul Alsop	Juvenile Officer, Winn Parish Sheriff's Office
ALEX 18	David Lind	IDB Attorney
ALEX 19	Ronald Seastrunk	District Attorney's Office, Vernon Parish
ALEX 20	Sgt. Darrell Jones	Alexandria Police Department
ALEX 21	Tappy Dugas	General Public
ALEX 22	George White	Office of Youth Development
ALEX 23	Robert Tillie	Renaissance Center
ALEX 24	Laura Ford	Bayou Rapides Rehab
ALEX 25	John McDaniel	Mental Health Center of Alexandria
ALEX 26	Monique Metoyer	IDB Attorney
ALEX 27	Beth Westlake	Leesville Police Department
ALEX 28	Bill Sexton	Central Louisiana Juvenile Detention Authority
ALEX 29	Carolyn Ashley	Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator
ALEX 30	Gary Dufour	FINS
ALEX 31	Gabriella Celeste	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
ALEX 32	Paul Witherow	CENLA Chemical Dependency & Gateway
ALEX 33	Brian Brunson	Crossroads Hospital
ALEX 34	Sara Alford	Office of Community Services
ALEX 35	Susan McConnell	General Public
ALEX 36	Judge Ross Foote	Judge, 9th JDC
ALEX 37	Jeannie Simmering	Alexandria Mental Health
ALEX 38	Curtis Bennett	Probation Officer
ALEX 39	Dianne Fleury	Rapides Parish Schools & FINS

**St. Tammany Public Hearing  
October 24, 2002**

<u>Site</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
TAM	1	Walter Reed	District Attorney, 22nd JDC
TAM	2	Judge Donald Fendlason	Judge, 22nd JDC
TAM	3	Thomas Buell	Chief of Police, Mandeville Police Dept.
TAM	4	Judge Gary Dragon	Judge, Slidell City Court
TAM	5	Merrick Tassin	St. Tammany Fire Department
TAM	6	Christine Crutcher	St. Tammany, Youth Service Bureau
TAM	7	Steve Phillipi	FINS, LSU Faculty
TAM	8	George White	Office of Youth Development
TAM	9	James Boulware	Former Judicial Administrator, Jeff. Parish Juvenile Court
TAM	10	Carole Hiller	St. Tammany Parish School Board
TAM	11	Judge William Burris	Judge, 22nd JDC
TAM	12	Cathy Hayward	Office of Addictive Disorders
TAM	13	Rev. Winston	Minister
TAM	14	Amy Stryker	Hope house
TAM	15	Susan Dufreche	Louisiana Juvenile Detention Association
TAM	16	Mickey Doll	Florida Parishes Detention Facility
TAM	17	David Utter	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
TAM	18	Michael Forbes	District Attorney's Office, 21st JDC
TAM	19	Luceia LeDoux	Baptist Community Ministries
TAM	20	Sgt. Paul Baum	Youth Challenge Program
TAM	21	Richard Brazen	General Public
TAM	22	James Evans	Covenant House
TAM	23	Marshall Gries	IDB, 22nd JDC

**Jefferson Public Hearing (Westbank)  
October 30, 2002**

<b><u>Site #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
JEFF 1	Judge Andrea Price Janzen	Judge, Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court
JEFF 2	Elijah Lewis	Office of Youth Development
JEFF 3	Dr. Alex Smith	FINS Association
JEFF 4	Brenda Ellender Johnson	FINS, 32nd JDC and FINS Association
JEFF 5	Brig. Gen. Richard Averitt	Youth Challenge Program
JEFF 6	Michael Mizell	Jefferson Parish Marine Institute
JEFF 7	Joan Diaz	Louisiana Association of Child Care Agencies
JEFF 8	David Utter	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
JEFF 9	Richard Rodrigue	Deputy Chief, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
JEFF 10	Richard Thompson	IDB, 24th JDC
JEFF 11	Candy Kagan	FINS, Jefferson Parish
JEFF 12	Dr. Debra DePrato	LSU Health Services Center
JEFF 13	Freddie Landry	Jefferson Parish School System
JEFF 14	Craig Weber	Sheriff, Lafourche parish
JEFF 15	Jeanne Monte	Principal, Jefferson Parish Community School
JEFF 16	Dr. Tony Wick	State Commission on Addictive Diseases
JEFF 17	Lee Ann Vaught	Children's Advocacy Center
JEFF 18	Melvin Howard	Volunteers of America
JEFF 19	Felicia Higgins	Hearing Officer, Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court
JEFF 20	Roy Juncker	Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Services
JEFF 21	Vic Bradley	IDB, 29th JDC
JEFF 22	Jean Handley	Turning Point Partners
JEFF 23	Marie Schneider	Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority
JEFF 24	Judge Jerry Barbera	Judge, 17th JDC
JEFF 25	Jacqueline Carroll	Mental Health Rehab Center
JEFF 26	Sylvia Hill	General Public
JEFF 27	Connie Pace Buras	General Public
JEFF 28	Michelle de la Paz	Jefferson Parish Juvenile Drug Court Program
JEFF 29	Anne Turissini	IDB Attorney, 24th JDC
JEFF 30	Michael Lomax	Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority
JEFF 31	Gail Alexander-Hills	Mental Health Association
JEFF 32	Jessie Blanchard	General Public

**Orleans Public Hearing (Eastbank)  
November 14, 2002**

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
ORL 1	Duane Johnson	Superintendent, New Orleans Police Department
ORL 2	Ronald McClain	Children's Bureau
ORL 3	Michael Moreau	Kingsley House
ORL 4	Judge Mark Doherty	Judge, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
ORL 5	Mary Mathews	General Public
ORL 6	Renee Lauand	General Public
ORL 7	Elizabeth Smallpage	Teen Court -- Junior League
ORL 8	Assata Olugbala Mthawabu	Parents for Educational Justice
ORL 9	Rafiah Maxie	Social Worker
ORL 10	Rev. Mo. Leverett	Desire St. Ministries
ORL 11	Joseph Recasner	Black Male Group
ORL 12	Fred Radke	Operation Cleansweep
ORL 13	John B. Krentel	Social Worker/Lawyer
ORL 14	Melvin Howard	VOA Lighthouse Program
ORL 15	Lou Furman	Turning Point Partners
ORL 16	Ralph Brandt	District Attorney's Office, Orleans Parish
ORL 17	Karran Royal	Office of Mental health
ORL 18	David Utter	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
ORL 19	Judge C. Hearn Taylor	Judge, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
ORL 20	Monica McGee	Substance Abuse Services Alliance
ORL 21	Bob Guasco	Catholic Charities
ORL 22	Leo Champagne, Sr.	General Public
ORL 23	Patsy Green	CASA, Orleans
ORL 24	Sandy Krasnoff	Victims & Citizens Against Crimes
ORL 25	Brig. General Richard Averitt	Youth Challenge Program
ORL 26	Victor Papai	IDB, Orleans
ORL 27	Rev. Robert Brown	Minister
ORL 28	Derwyn Bunton	Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana/Public Defender
ORL 29	Willie M. Zanders	LEAP Parents
ORL 30	Harold DuCloux, III	Attorney
ORL 31	Dr. Morris Jeff	Mayoral Juvenile Justice Commission
ORL 32	Keith Rhodes	Methodist Home for Children
ORL 33	Richard Winder	Youth Study Center
ORL 34	Brenda Bocage	Institute of Black Parenting
ORL 35	D.J. and Ursula Markey	Pyramid Parent Training
ORL 36	Albert "Chui" Clark	Neighborhood Unity
ORL 37	Brenda Valteau	Foster Care and Adoption Project
ORL 38	Avis Brock	Dryades YMCA Youth Director
ORL 39	Min Dwayne Muhammad	Nation of Islam
ORL 40	Rhonda Robertson	Neighborhood Unity
ORL 41	Gardeline Henry	General Public
ORL 42	Lisa Matthews	LSBA, Family Section
ORL 43	Carl Segura	Social Worker
ORL 44	Laura Jensen	Raintree Family Services
ORL 45	Kelwynn Napoleon	Reality Check

**Orleans Public Hearing (Eastbank)  
November 14, 2002**

<b><u>Site #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
ORL 46	Graciela Seng	Latino Community
ORL 47	Edward R. Greenlee	Louisiana Indigent Defense Board
ORL 48	Margot Hammond	Mental Health Advocacy Service
ORL 49	Joseph Powe	Girls/Boys Town
ORL 50	Brother Al Mims, Jr.	General Public
ORL 51	Darlene Bewley	Attorney

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**DIGEST OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS MADE AT THE  
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**Prepared**

**November 22, 2002**

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Catholic Life Center  
Baton Rouge, LA  
October 15, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Iterate personal support of AEC report.
- To move state away from incarceration and the conditions in institutions.
- Nothing has happened in Dept. of Corrections absent a lawsuit.
- Adopt recommendations of Advisory Board in full and move state towards more humane conditions.

**Speaker 2**

- Son spent 3 years in juvenile facility. Urges Commission to talk to juveniles that lived in facilities for further insight. It is mentor help, not just mental health. He had positive teachers – use these resources. Urges study of summer months and delinquency.

**Speaker 3**

- Reiterate sense of urgency from parents to implement a humane system.
- State sponsored child abuse
- Institutional abuse
- Adequate education opportunity
- Close Tallulah

**Speaker 4**

- So we have to wait until 2004? Or is there a way to implement some of the programs now?

**Speaker 5**

- This work from JJC is only productive work done in JJS. Wants to strengthen right to counsel for juveniles. Don't place this concern/recommendation at bottom of list. Close Tallulah. Also understands bond issue but there is real concern.

### **Speaker 6**

- Too many children are in court without adequate public defenders – those facing incarceration and care. Public defenders are underpaid and under resourced.
- Recommends that JJC-AB recommendations are brought to the legislature and create O.F. & Y.S.

### **Speaker 7**

- Most people who work in corrections would have liked more representation on SJC-AB.
- Concerned with AECF's arbitrary. There was no comment not to let judges make decisions unless based on guidelines.

### **Speaker 8**

- Works with truant kindergartens. Our parents are held responsible, but please don't lump too many services together.

### **Speaker 9**

- Applauds commission on bold undertakings. Do not sink back into same old problems.

### **Speaker 10**

- Applauds commission. Juvenile offenders not properly cared for. Will probably become adult offenders. Treatment is necessary part of JJS. Needs to be implemented in organized way.
- Thanks everyone who is working to improve the system.

### **Speaker 11**

- Concerned that those who are not committed to children will be forced to implement these changes.
- Steps need to be taken to legitimize professions that work with juvenile offenders.

### **Speaker 12**

- There are not enough resources for young women in the juvenile justice system. Disappointed in lack of parental participation of drug/alcohol rehabilitation of delinquent juveniles.

- Encourages extended family members to consider care of juveniles in need.
- There is more need for conflict resolution in schools. Children only know fighting as a way to solve conflict.

### **Speaker 13**

- Give a voice to the voiceless, our children.
- Supports draft recommendations.
- Church and religious community at large will support commission.
- Public awareness campaign needs to be vocal and effective.
- Spend on front end, not the back end.

### **Speaker 14**

- Grandparents need help. Grandchildren have problems that require treatment, not incarcerated.
- Adequately fund treatment programs.
- Don't wait until 2004 – 2005 to implement change.

### **Speaker 15**

- Thanks AECF for simplicity of recommendations.
- Need to move away from punitive and towards restorative actions.

### **Speaker 16**

- Truancy is a gateway behavior to juvenile delinquency.
- FINS addresses delinquent behaviors and acts like a one stop shop.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Clifton Chenier Center  
Lafayette, LA  
October 16, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- *Counsel for Juveniles.* This will be a huge problem having indigent counsel available for every juvenile. Suggests waiver of counsel not be allowed except in misdemeanor cases with informed consent of parents.
- *Dealing with different departments for the services of one juvenile.* There should be one department to provide services.

**Speaker 2**

- Judge is tired of fighting with the agencies. Agencies bicker back and forth delaying service delivery.
- Would like to see first class help to those juveniles that are incarcerated.
- Very impressed with CASA workers. They help with supervision of delinquents.
- Probation should be meaningful. Parole offices are overworked.
- The educational system should work together with juvenile justice system. There should be an alternative school system. Head count for schools should be monthly, not yearly to receive government money.

**Speaker 3**

- Protesting unfair treatment of young people while incarcerated.
- Daughter was incarcerated, but didn't receive adequate care. Workers in correctional facilities need to be more accountable for their actions/lack thereof.

#### **Speaker 4**

- Findings are a good blueprint for youths and families.
  - sanctioned abuse of youth
  - removing funding from DOC
  - recommend consolidate funding - reallocate to residential facility
  - stop over incarceration of youth
  - provide true legal defense for children – tandem pay for public defenders and district attorney.
  - urgency of the need to adapt recommendations and move forward quickly, efficiently and potently without watering them down.

#### **Speaker 5**

- Licensing regulations need to be standardized.

#### **Speaker 6**

- There is an obvious connection between juvenile justice and violence prevention. Commend commission for recommendations. Thanks for all the hard work for such an important cause.

#### **Speaker 7**

- The way the JJS works now simply prepared them for the adult system. We need to stop characterizing the juvenile by the crime and more by as an individual. Parental involvement is vital to helping juveniles in the system. Lafayette area needs a juvenile court system. Would like data gathered by AECF be shared with judicial system.

#### **Speaker 8**

- FINS deals with kids before they enter the system. Money in prevention and early intervention is better spent than on institutionalization. FINS is in favor of a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System and support the efforts of the JJC. FINS deals with the families on the front end in an effort to address the needs of the families and get them to help its needs before child becomes delinquent. FINS needs greater funding so as to be more effective in its efforts.
- Judges send kids to institutions. 85-90% of these kids never hear from their families while institutionalized. We need to write and show them we care, that people back in their community are still thinking about them.

### **Other Opinions**

- Strongly recommend additional funding to support the establishment of additional prevention and treatment services for alcohol and drug abuse. OAD has submitted a proposal to satisfy this recommendation.
- Strongly recommend alcohol and drug abuse treatment services for the parents of the juvenile. Many times, the child acts out due to problems in the home.
- The Justice Commission should also target law enforcement. Current law enforcement has no diversionary programs not do they care to implement any.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Lake Charles Civic Center  
Lake Charles, LA  
October 17, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Findings are a good blue print.
- Changes may take time, but system needs to remember the children and families.
- Get children out of DOC and create OCYF.
- Education about early intervention and treatment
- Transition plan from DOC
- Adequate legal defense
- Close an institution, specifically Tallulah

**Speaker 2**

- This region has cooperation: community-based providers and the closing of secured beds.
- Consult managers of these facilities.

**Speaker 3**

- Concerned parent – has child in Tallulah for over a year.
- Could be better suited in a residential facility closer to home.

**Speaker 4**

- Stop abuse of children in state-run facilities.
- Officials of DOC deny abuse. This undermines public faith in the department.
- Urges commission to take all necessary steps to prevent further abuse in these facilities.

**Speaker 5**

- Children leave for facilities who shouldn't have to be in a juvenile prison, and rather stay in community.

### **Speaker 6**

- Try to find out why children act out – why did they enter the JJS?
- Supports the idea of an office for statewide advocates. – children will be better served closer to home.
- Close a secured facility and put that money into communities.

### **Speaker 7**

- Focus on one goal: close Tallulah.
- Place these children in residential facilities where they are not brutalized
- Consider what happens in Tallulah as crimes against humanity

### **Speaker 8**

- Were there any studies of juvenile recidivism rate in the system? (No A.E.C.F.)

### **Speaker 9**

- Focus on counseling, tutorial sessions, and family strengthening is a way of prevention and early intervention.

### **Speaker 10**

- Urge commission to focus on local control of juveniles and indigent defense system. Indigent juveniles need to be kept separate
- Indigent juveniles need to be kept separate from adult indigents as well as funding of indigent defender system.

### **Speaker 11**

- Applaud AECF and JJC-AB for recommendations
- Keep I mind coordination of services, the integration of services, to let go “turf battles”. Our future is important – our children.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
Monroe City Hall Council Chamber  
Monroe, LA  
October 21, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Mother of six – married to retired corrections officer.
- Judge who led judges in right direction
- Money = problem
- Money has corrupted the world, homes, schools, young people (many serving time)
- Need more police, judges, etc to get involved.

**Speaker 2**

- Salutes Casey and Advisory Board.
- Money = problem
- Intensive studies of behavior of kids (motivate, build self-esteem, namely rejection)
- Hard to have hope, academics and careers
- Vital to find alternatives to incarceration
- Less expensive to properly correct and train youth in lieu of incarceration.
- Need to do more positive - but bending in right direction in evaluation of mine control.

**Speaker 3**

- Former employee of Swanson
- Publicly calls for investigation of Swanson's misappropriation of funds.

**Speaker 4**

- Urges adoption of findings and recommendations
- Remove juveniles for public safety
- Community-based approaches
- Correctional training plan
- Adoption of Casey recommendations
- Will be here every step of the way

### **Speaker 5**

- Commends Commission and Advisory Board
- Addictive Disorder – very little resources – need inpatient adolescent unit (substance abuse. According to Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor – waiting list for adolescent females is 3-4 months.
- OAD Region VIII has partnered with Healthy Start ABQ's for the last year.
- Provide no cost literature and workshops for staff and pregnant.

### **Speaker 6**

- We are top-heavy on the incarceration part of the system versus prevention.
- Have to give children a reason to want to succeed beyond the world they see around them
- Need every preventative measure we can product to give children a chance to be successful in life
- Somehow we have got to right our moral compass before it is too late

### **Speaker 7**

- Central point of entry to coordinate services and provide fast service to youth and their families
- Integrate with system of online interagency information (i.e. A service point system)
- Concern about mental health services
- Funding = problem
- Legislature with kids – **all kids need a mentor**

### **Speaker 8**

- Establish a state mentoring program
- Be the leader – find source to take interest in
- Coach challenge, build self-confidence, follow-up
- Little bit of interest in kids will go a long way
- Public awareness needed
- Kids deserve everything we can give them

### **Speaker 9**

- Remiss if we didn't recognize hard work of judges
- Knows the problem – not enough money

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Highland Center  
Shreveport, LA  
October 22, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Thanked the Commission for work on juvenile justice system – see the end product (life sentences in federal prisons) – priorities
- Drugs – Project Safe Neighborhood
- Felons in possession

**Speaker 2**

- Supports office of children youth families
- Ridiculous to lock kids up to get services
- Close Tallulah within 3-6 months

**Speaker 3**

- Work with juvenile girls – even in therapeutic system, challenging problems.
- 161 articles on internet on Tallulah over the years
- Need to evaluate ourselves – make changes
- Abominations of our facilities on amnesty
- Decades old problems.
- Appreciate JJC
- Kids need help – not harm
- More rehabilitation instead of punishment
- Adopt recommendations

**Speaker 4**

- Substance abuse assessment should be required of all juveniles entering system.
- Adequate funding for treatment/adolescents
  - meditox
  - inpatient beds
  - halfway house beds
  - intensive outpatient programs – more than 10 hrs. per week in all regions

### **Speaker 5**

- Too late – need to do better, faster
- Uphold recommendations
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### **Speaker 6**

(Not present – telephone presentation)

### **Speaker 7**

- Works with moms (parents as educators)
- Concerned about young (16 year old) single mom with 2½ year old child who went to jail/good person/hurting
- How to connect her with resources to get her away from “bad” people.
- Had to fight to survive
- Wanted to be a better parent, so came to program

### **Speaker 8**

- Supports Advisory Board
  - get kids out of prisons
  - treatment and education
  - transition plan
  - Annie Casey recommendations
  - Closing Tallulah
  - See change happen ASAP

### **Speaker 9**

- National research similar to Louisiana findings
- Serious delinquency is a group process – peer pressure
- Need to develop community programs that address problems at group level.

### **Speaker 10**

- Lack of services for juveniles who are not delinquents
- Are small group homes available? (successful in other states)

### **Speaker 11**

- Applaud emphasis of community based services
- Strongly recommends Commission look at national studies
- If going to shift funding, make sure programs have trace rescind

## **Speaker 12**

- Favors smaller regional facilities
- Programs available in Caddo – list includes
  - drug court program
  - care program at Rutherford House plus others
- Devote a lot of taxpayer resources to kids in Caddo (problem with runaways). Saving state millions of dollars.
- Locals should get help from state to keep programs going.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
Rapides Regional Hospital  
Alexandria, LA  
October 23, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Have researched other states and see there is a beginning link between community- based options and services delivered system and the juvenile justice system within the community.
- There is a significant need to address mental health aspect of JJS.

**Speaker 2**

- Thankful for the process of recommendations.
- Hopes actions will be swift and active
- Get kids out of DOC and into OF
- Develop new office
- Finance prevention and treatment programs
- Alternatives
- Implement transitional funding
- End overuse of incarceration through Annie E. Casey recommendations
- Implement AEC findings –closing a facility (Tallulah)

**Speaker 3**

- Re: abuses in facilities: Sister is in Jetson. Worker in Jetson was verbally belligerent to sister and speaker during a visit.
- Story about employee/guard stripping/beating in facility
- Questions integrity of staff/their commitment to juveniles' safety in detention facilities. Jetson is no place for anybody to be – even visitors are treated like prisoners. Someone could get seriously hurt or killed

**Speaker 4**

- Generally speaking, judge is not just a juvenile court judge. A lot of incarcerations are done so to provide services to juveniles.
- Tentatively, 80% of all cases involves substance abuse.
- Would be beneficial to better fund community programs instead of incarcerated facilities.
- Put more money into FINS type programs. Prevention is key, services is tool.

- Question about timeline of new dept. in 2005/fit with governor elections/politics. Answer, timing based on recommendations to legislative in 2003, so next opportunity would be in 2005.

### **Speaker 5**

- Rapides does have a juvenile docket.
- Believes in specialization of judges and regionalization but questions feasibilities if there is one judge per parish.
- Secretary heads need to be in agreement of recommendations for any changes to be effective.
- Requires considerable changes in the law.
- Community must be committed to children
- Needs to get past the problems

### **Speaker 6**

- Thanked AEC and Commission. Everyone can agree current system doesn't work.
- A single office is not a new one, but will require departments to give up parts of their budgets and the old bureaucratic way.
- High ranking elected officials need to be committed to helping children

### **Speaker 7**

- Ask the question, were the Bush administration/faith-based initiative ideas included in recommendations? The answer was yes, included in "community-based" programs?

### **Speaker 8**

- How many AB members/commission members? (43 & 12).
- How many reside in the Rapides parish area? (1)

### **Speaker 9**

- Been a police officer, FINS, and now P.O.
- Have seen facilities closed that would help rural parishes because it critically limits treatment options for those in JJS.
- Rural communities are left out in cold.

## **Speaker 10**

- From state mental health, to what extent is the impact on state offices whose programs would be cut?
  - A meeting November 22<sup>nd</sup> will help flesh this out.
  - One potential to be of the children's cabinet.
  - Re: combining agencies – detail?
  - Besides dollars, one of best recommendations
  - Difference makes it hard – have to fight to work together. Unfortunate that we are so divided.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Castine Center  
Mandeville, LA  
October 24, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Work with foster care kids that need more restrictive care than foster homes but less than incarceration facilities. Still sees primary problems as lack of prevention services – mental health, substance abuse.

**Speaker 2**

- So many of the youths go through legal system without adequate legal representation. Public defenders are overworked, under paid. Urges commission to adopt recommendations.

**Speaker 3**

- Please don't just rush through AEC foundation recommendations. Redirect JJ funds into prevention and intervention, job training, and rehabilitative services.

**Speaker 4**

- Supports AEC recommendations. Please stop abuse of our children in juvenile facilities. OYC denies abuse of children and downplays seriousness of violence.
- Close Tallulah now, spare further agony of our children.

**Speaker 5**

- Please don't wait to act on recommendations.
- Get out of corrections
- Education and prevention funding
- Fund transition plan

### **Speaker 6**

- Runs a non-secure youth facility for Florida Parishes. When dealing with a 15 yr. old tough guy, there is a need to break this young man in the current system. This just further inflames the child and is completely unnecessary.
- Need to retrain come current aspects of JJS to correct the attitudes of juveniles and the adults who work with them. The funding of these dollars is wonderful.

### **Speaker 7**

- There is a difference between detention centers and long-term incarcerated facilities.
- There are 18 detention centers around the state. A lot of the preventative services can happen in these centers.
- Dept. of Corrections is not the place to monitor and oversee these detention centers.
- Need to look further into licensing these centers.

### **Speaker 8**

- Draft looks very comprehensive. I truly hope action **will** be taken during this administration so as not to be lost in the shuffle.

### **Speaker 9**

- Creation of one agency of CYF is wonderful
- Under training – need to train agency staff in youth development concept and track need to respect children in all dealings.
- Recommendation from AEC Foundation to close one LTT is right on target. Kids are locked up because the beds are there – community based services are not.
- Seamless continuum of services is essential.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
The Alario Center  
Westwego, LA  
October 30, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- Suggest changing name of JJC to Louisiana Commission on Justice for Juveniles.
- Put an emphasis on education and prevention. It is the common denominator for children.

**Speaker 2**

- With one exception, highly supports draft recommendations.
- Questions AEC recommendation to prohibit waiver of counsel – especially in misdemeanor cases.
- Particularly supports 3.16 – Office of Youth and Families.
- Needs to improve judges training and the way they perform their duties.
- Some sort of specialization should be required.

**Speaker 3**

- A parent of child with disabilities.
- Believes Jefferson Parish is harming these children in schools.
- Teachers are quick to refer these children to JJS which is just the breeding ground for Angola.

**Speaker 4**

- As someone in the system, I see us breaking health boys.
- Supports all recommendations fully – particularly, schools zero tolerance policies.
- What had previously been taken care of in schools now are handled in DA's offices and court system.
- Prevention and early intervention services
- The FINS program – need significant funding increases.
- Creating office of children and families.
- Communities with ISC agree on services but when it comes to funding, these services state offices don't want to pay – too much turf wars.

### **Speaker 5**

- Here to show support of children in state facilities
- Look forward to commission/legislature action on draft recommendations.

### **Speaker 6**

- Prompts commission to accept recommendations.
- Refer children to appropriate agencies and resources with best practice training.
- Education and training for children are paramount.

### **Speaker 7**

- Suggests strong leadership of legislature, judiciary and executive branches.
- Offer Baptist Foundation funds for technical assistance opportunities.

### **Speaker 8**

- Commend efforts as a parent with a child in the system.
- Has impression that recommendations are technical and analytical rather than down to earth and accountability-based.
- Doesn't believe children that experiment should be incarcerated.
- Would like a definite timeline of recommendation implementation.
- What about in the short term.
- Believes we are creating criminals when we put juveniles behind bars.
- Believes zero tolerance is a gross over-reaction and should be scared back.
- Include more family friendly services.

### **Speaker 9**

- Parent representative of FLIC
- Urges immediate changes and implementation of recommendations
- Spare parents and their children in the system further harm and more humanity.

### **Speaker 10**

- Keep in mind children in the system.
  - take out of corrections, establish OCYF
  - emphasize community based programs and treatment
  - adopt transition plan
  - adopt AEC recommendation of closing facility (Tallulah)

### **Speaker 11**

- Parent of child in the system.
- Encourages commission to utilize rehabilitation instead of incarceration.
- Support programs like FINS.
- Support job training programs.
- Train thoroughly those that work directly with youths in the system.
- Support community programs that will not remove children from the home.
- Support and adopt AEC findings and single agency recommendations.

### **Speaker 12**

- Work with kids – see first-hand, children that do not have options.
- Supports adoption of OYCE
- Would like to see 4.08 implemented.

### **Speaker 13**

- Would like to draw attention to Youth Challenge Program.
- Works with potential “Future Criminals of America”. It’s a faith based program that promotes strong morals. Those in Youth Challenge Program that graduate, five-month program learn academics, people skills, job training.
- Recommend the promotion of this program because of success in New Orleans area.

### **Speaker 14**

- Works with alternative education program I Jefferson Parish Schools. These programs provide prevention and early intervention services.
- There is a great need for substance abuse treatment program.
- There is a lack of funding for substance abuse counselor in schools despite a legislative mandate.
- Supports and agrees with AEC finding, particularly the redirection of funds to EI&P programs.

### **Speaker 15**

- There needs to be more youth programs and mental health counseling programs.
- Want deputies that work in juvenile facilities to be held more responsible for their actions.
- Child is out of facility and in need of MH counseling but having trouble funding available program.

### **Speaker 16**

- Has a 9 yr old son who is already displaying anger/mental health symptoms. Needs/wants treatment for him.
- Urges funding of after school programs to redirect idleness.

### **Speaker 17**

- Appreciates process and those that have shared their experiences with the system.
- Wants change, but suggests looking at the other states who have gone through JJ reform. They created a OC,Y,F but also ensured services were nationally accredited.
- Make sure that programs meet best practice standards.
- Commends OFS in DSS in pursuit of national accreditation.

### **Speaker 18**

- Has a child in juvenile diversion program.
- Also accessed Youth Challenge Program and was told his offenses were not serious enough for action. Two days before interview with YCP, he was arrested for robbery and is now serving 10 yrs (1<sup>st</sup> offense).

### **Speaker 19**

- Supports Youth Challenge Program in N.O. Juveniles that participate are given hope.
- Requests JJC to fund and promote program because of proven success.

### **Speaker 20**

- Appreciates recommendations, but does not see OCDD's involvement in this whole process.
- Many juveniles in system have developmental disabilities and mental retardation – although the system largely ignores this population.

### **Speaker 21**

- Asks legislators to consider recommendations as a fabric of our society.
- What's before commission involves education, family life, law enforcement, families and children.
- Please do not wait to implement change.

**Digest of Public Hearing Presentations  
City Council Chambers  
New Orleans, LA  
November 14, 2002**

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMENTS**

**Speaker 1**

- The Orleans Juvenile Justice Council has kept tabs on JJC efforts.
- Asks to continue dialogue with council.
- Council wants to put emphasis on prevention

**Speaker 2**

- Any black man that supports AEC Foundation recommendation is crazy.
- Offended that those who claim to support juvenile justice reform failed to support the closure of the “prison school”.

**Speaker 3**

- AEC Foundation needs to pay attention to role of education system of those who are in J.S.
- More attention needs to be paid to appellate assistance in appeals to JJ cases.
- Agrees to alternatives to incarceration programs and vocational schools/learning programs for non-degree juveniles.

**Speaker 4**

- DCYF is stepping in the right direction
- Suggests re-examination of confidentiality of juveniles
- Should be tailored for child’s protection
- Supports reduction of secured care beds

**Speaker 5**

- P. 18 of draft – 4.17 of suspensions, when referencing school dropout, the term “push out” might be more appropriate in Orleans Parish – we have lost 11,000 students.
- When kids are retained once, the percentage of dropouts is 40%. Retained twice, it increases 50%.

- Who will address the fact that young black men are the overwhelming majority in JJS

### **Speaker 6**

- Grass roots level prevention and intervention is necessary.
- Money needs to be put into these efforts.

### **Speaker 7**

- Pg. 4 of AECF – Politics in LA. - more work on numbers and graphs on African American males and females.
- Might show disparity of funding of programs.
- LA is a forfeiture and seizure state
- This might be an opportunity for funding
- Politics are connected to Dept. of Corrections and if that bond isn't broken, we'll be here in ten years.

### **Speaker 8**

- Thankful for process – blueprint seems to be good, but it is just one step.
- Children, families, and communities have to wait another day for change.
  - get out of corrections
  - fund community-based programs
  - develop funding plan
  - adopt AECF recommendations – specifically Tallalah

### **Speaker 9**

- Speaks in favor of many recommendations.
- Children need and should be rehabilitated
- Our JJS must recognize this ability through refusing the right to waive counsel.
- State should not allow parents to waive their children's right to counsel – effective counsel.

### **Speaker 10**

- Alternative processes are welcomed, but fears recommendations will never see light of day.
- They are very general and not time framed oriented
- A time process will set up defacto priorities.
- Appreciates jobs of everyone involved in this process.

### **Speaker 11**

- Do not hobble through recommendations
- Please use discerning judgement in implementation of prevention, rehabilitation services.
- Thanks everyone for participating in process.

### **Speaker 12**

- On behalf of DA Eddie Jordan – he is committed to JJ reform and will do anything it takes to encourage change.
- JJS begets the adult corrections system

### **Speaker 13**

- Believes children deserves a second chance
- Program helps teens realize what they have done wrong
- Program gives teens support and foundations when the are faced with difficult challenges

### **Speaker 14**

- Volunteers in teen court. Teaches kids about court process and is a worthwhile program.
- JJC courts send cases to teen courts for sentencing
- He has yet to see re-offenders once they have gone through teen court.

### **Speaker 15**

- Our volunteers participate in a wonderful and exemplary diversion program. 102 active cases from all judges dealing with delinquent cases.
- Very successful, only 17 children have re-offended after going through program.

### **Speaker 16**

- We have hands-on approach for those students arrested for shoplifting crimes.
- Children go through education classes as a diversion program to incarceration. Legal community supports diversion programs.

### **Speaker 17**

- Some of kids in trouble are not able to control their behaviors because their moms drank during their pregnancies – ***Fetal Alcohol Syndrome***. This child has a brain disorder.
- We must prevent this syndrome, offer supportive services and supervised apartments to affected persons so they can live ordinary lives in our community.

### **Speaker 18**

- Pleased that focus is being put on young people and urge to adopt recommendations of the Casey findings.
- State should begin immediately by closing a juvenile correctional facility and using the money to place youth in residential group homes, etc.
- State should use the existing resources they currently contract with.
- Families should be served and parenting classes are needed
- There is a need to place youth in treatment facilities in order to improve conditions and reduce recidivisms.
- Stop sending youths to parishes far away from their parish of residence.

### **Speaker 19**

- Only reason why we have a JJS is because we have a problem with the families.
- Parents need better skills to be better parents to deal with children. Take responsibility for self.

### **Speaker 20**

- Very concerned of timing of implementation of recommendations.
- Juveniles are most moldable of our society and the weakest.
- Litigation has frightened our educators from doing their jobs.
- Concerns with lack of accountability, lack of oversight, not enough to rehabilitate children.
- Use our children as a resource.

### **Speaker 21**

- Findings here say same thing as Hubert Humphrey reported in '70s.
- Why has it taken this long for change?

### **Speaker 22**

- Page 4 of AECF and point out a deep seeded racism on part of judges. (Both children commit same crime, black child is incarcerated longer than the white child.
- Ask judges to come into community.

### **Speaker 23**

- Casey Foundation's report and JJC recommendations are fully supported by JJP
- The most likely facility to shutdown is Tallulah
- The use of seclusion is not therapeutic for juveniles.

### **Speaker 24**

- Glad to hear recommendations
- Please ensure to parents that their children will not spend an extra day in system

### **Speaker 25**

- Cannot trust that the systems will put families back together. It is not the place of the system to do so.
- Racial profiling against children of African descent

### **Speaker 26**

- Son on death row at Angola since 1999.
- Family needs to know about their place in JJS.
- Suspensions in schools are for minor offenses that lead to expulsion
- Her child had mental illness that was not discovered
- Juvenile death penalty should be abolished.

### **Speaker 27**

- Concerned with MFP.
- Would like people to know that children are funded in October.
- This practice needs to be changed.
- Also vocational education needs to be better funded in the school systems.
- Needs to have accountability for counselors in the schools.

### **Speaker 28**

- Appalled by the fact that Commission members are not present.

- Encourages public to keep pressure on Commission for alternatives to incarceration
- Keep up the good work – we appreciate the New Orleans Delegation and Committee members
- Support the work of the Advisory Board

### **Speaker 29**

- So many youths are going through system with little to no representation
- Public defenders have too large caseloads and cannot adequately handle juvenile cases
- Needs OCYF, community-based programs and close Tallulah.

### **Speaker 30**

- Wants Commission to know that children are different and deserve rehabilitation
- Too much money is put into correction system and not enough into education and community-based programs
- Please do not make prison a first or last resort

### **Speaker 31**

- Brother is a death row inmate
- System needs to review definition of word juvenile
- Death penalty for juveniles should be abolished

### **Speaker 32**

- On page 17 – 4.13 – shares with Commission that there should be standards for alternative schools.
- Pro education and anti incarceration. Incarceration gives children bragging rights
- Focus should be placed on alternative education
- Dept of education needs to better fund schools
- Students at age 16 who fail the leap test are placed in GED programs – encourages dropouts.

### **Speaker 34**

- Lack of entrepreneurship programs
- Lead to breakdown in community
- LEAP testing hurts the black community